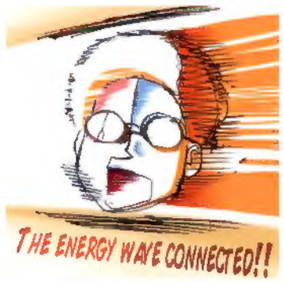

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Specialty: speed reading, memorization

Note: Yuba is a dried sheet of tofu.

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180cm 76kg Type AB Oct 31st (27yo)
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Dislikes: natto
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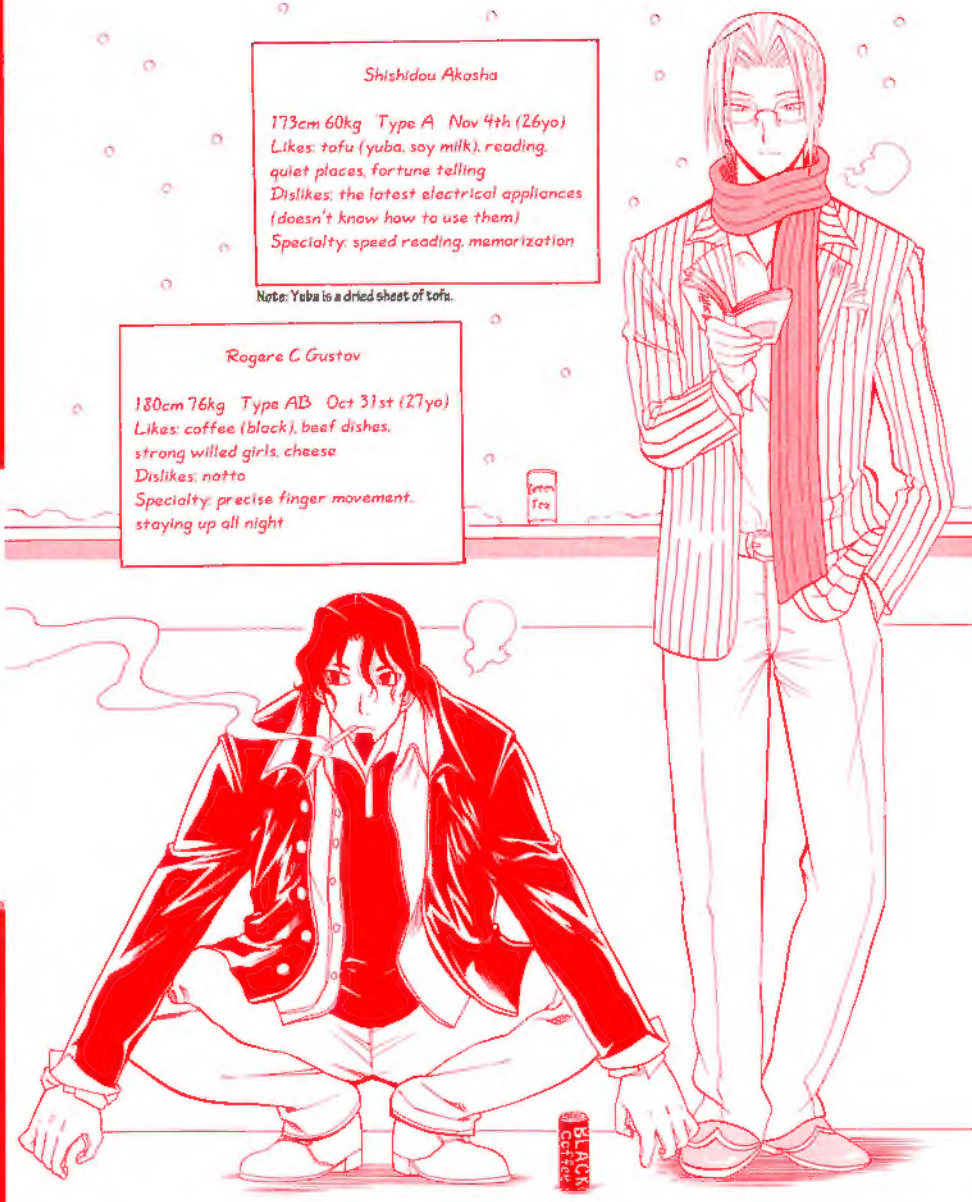

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Varcolaci

The general term for evil spirits
in Romanian folklore.
They have many forms, such as a small dog,
a dragon, a beast with many mouths,
and a pale person.
They swallow up the sky and
cause solar eclipses.
Unbaptized people, people who die in
filth and cursed by God,
and children born to unmarried mothers
are said to become varcolaci.

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I'LL ERASE YOU...
FROM MY SIGHT...
WHOOSH
CORPSE 15: DAYBREAK
WITHOUT LEAVING A SINGLE TRACE!

Huh?
What's that, brat...?
Fuckin' rude...
I'll have to beat you around some more cuz you don't seem to get it yet?
SCRAPE
THWAM
STOMP

THWUD
Kah!?
.....!
Hack
Ah...
I'LL ERASE YOU...
FROM BEFORE MY EYES...
GRUNT
KHAM
FROM MY MEMO-RIES...

CRASH
UGH!
GWA-H!
WHAM
CRASH

I'LL ERASE YOU...
KAHA ...!
AGH!

FROM THIS WORLD!

IT'S LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE TIME SHE FOUGHT THE SEVEN STARS!...! JUST WHAT ON EARTH...?
WE'VE NOT YET OBTAINED THE "COFFIN", BUT IF I GIVE HIM MORE FLESH AND THE APPARITION GAINS AUTONOMOUS THOUGHT, THEN SHIMEN-SAN WILL BE OVER-WHELMED...
CREAK
No... way... It's impos-sible...
For a brat like this... to do this to me...
IT CAN'T BE...!?
NO CHOICE...
GIMME FLESH! HURRY THE FUCK UP!!
WHOOSH
Y-
YOU BAS-TARD!! AKASHA!! FLESH!!
AKA-SHA!!
KA-WHAM

SHLOOOORP
WHAM
BLORP
IT'S THE REASON I LINKED UP WITH THIS THING! THE BIGGER I GET, THE GREATER MY POWER!!
GIHAHAHA! I'VE WON!! "FLESH POSSESSION CONTAINMENT"!!
W-
WHAT THE HELL...?
Twitch
MY HAND...
WHAT...THE...
JERK
OW!!
RUSTLE
REALLY

SLRUK
STEP
!!
GYAHA
HERE
I
TONAN

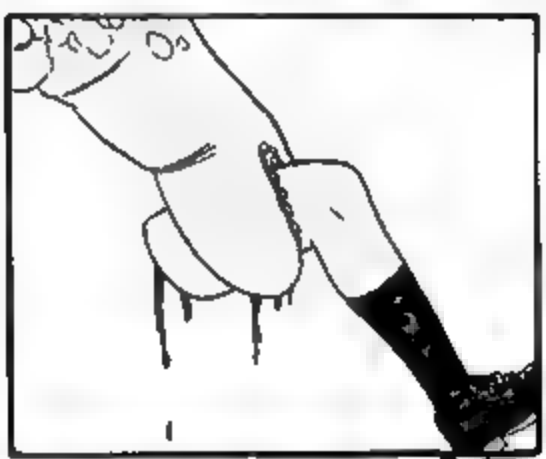
WHISH
WHAM
KICK
KICK
KICK
KICK
.....!
KEH!!
YOU'RE JUST A SHITTY KICK-ING...
WHAM
BRAT!!
!!
THWACK

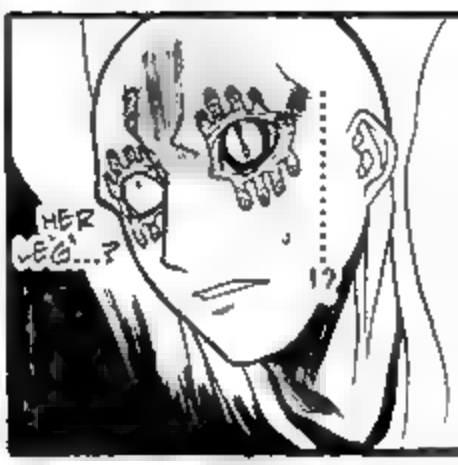
SHUFFLE
Thud
.....
NOW YOU CAN'T PATTER AROUND ANY-MORE!!
... GE-HA!!
!!
KER
THUD
YAH!!

!!
CRUNCH
GIHA! I'LL EAT YA!!
SLURP
YOUR GUTS'LL LEAVE A CRUNCHY TEXTURE IN MY MOUTH!
I'M GONNA DIGEST YOU, YA FUCKIN' BRAT ..!
DROOL
!

Sfx: Dobar (ka-thwam)

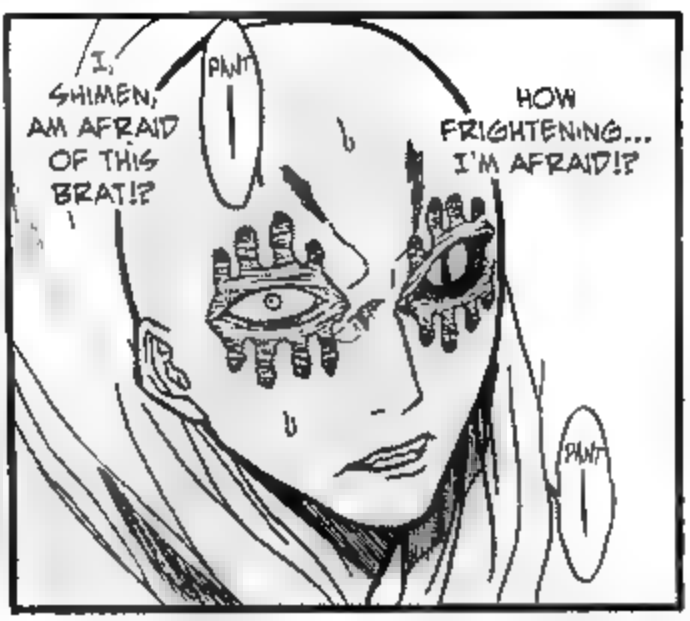
IT GREW BACK...!?
IMPOS-SIBLE...!? I JUST PLUCKED IT OFF...!




HER LEG...?

THWAP

AAAH
!!
UH...
AH...


I, SHIMEN, AM AFRAID OF THIS BRAT!?
PANT
HOW FRIGHTENING... I'M AFRAID!?
PANT

SPLURT

Grab

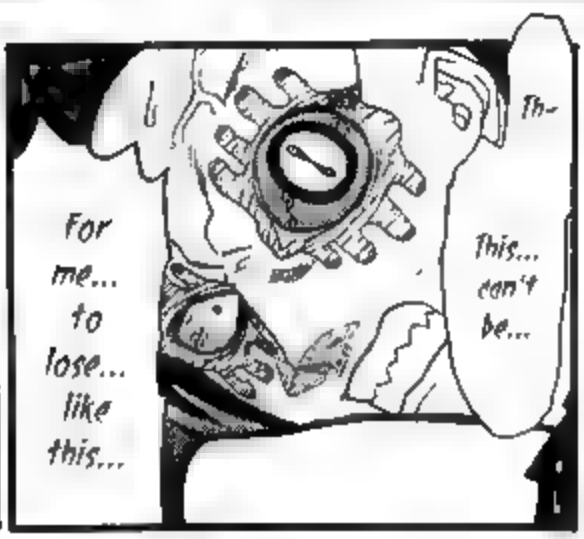
KP

RIP
CRUNCH
SNAP
FEAR
SSSS
!!
GAPE

Ra
ta
ta
ta
ta
tat
tat
Rat
tat
WAAAAAH!!
UH...
OH...

BLOP
!
?.....
WHAT IS... THIS...?
BLOOD AND... PUS...?
DRIP
SHLURP
IT'S... MY...?
TREMBLE
NOT... GOOD... MY BODY'S... COLD... & MY WOUND IS... GETTING WORSE...
EVEN MY MIND...
WOBBLE
THUD

THAT UNBELIEVABLE RAPID REGENERATION AND SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH..!! THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE ANSWER!..
IT'S OVERWHELMINGLY DECIDED...



THAT CHILD HASN'T DONE ANY RESISTANCE TRAINING, SO HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE A SHIKABANE HIME WHOSE LINK WAS BROKEN.

EVENTUALLY...

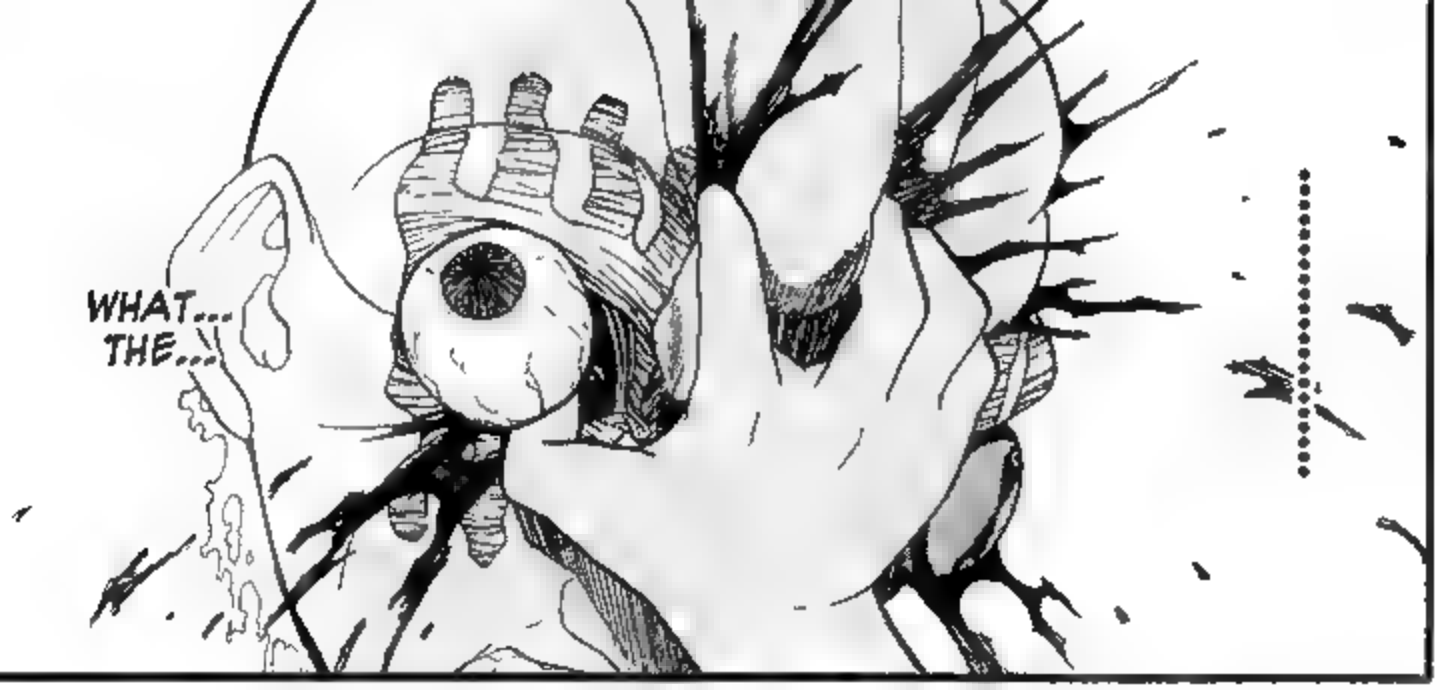
HOWEVER... SHIKABANE HIME IS CONVERTING HIS LIFE FORCE INTO POWER NOW...

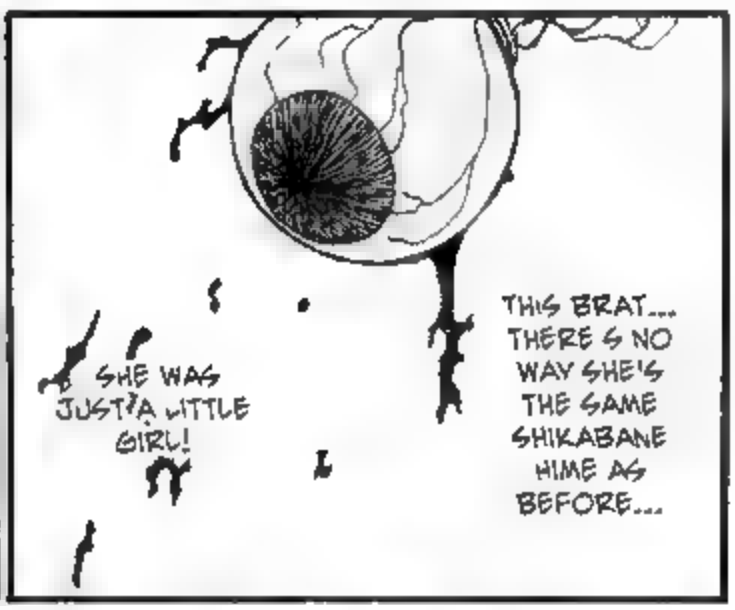
IT MUST BE...

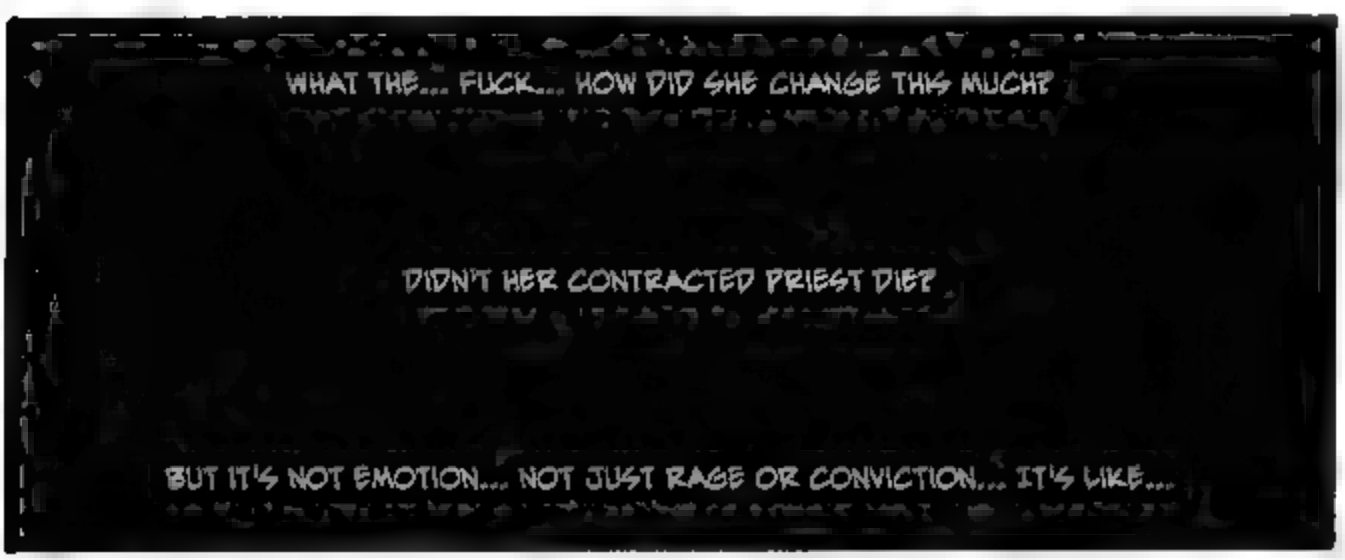
HIS BROTHER... IT COULDN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE AT THIS POINT...

DUM DUM DUM DUM DUM
GRIP
.....
CRACK
!!
S-stop!
You brat!
CREAK
I've killed hundreds of humans!!
I am...
"Death Mask"!!
CREAK
CRUNCH
A BRAT LIKE YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY KILL ME!!

LASH
!
BOOM
Gihaha! Yes!! I've got you-
Giha!!
!!
CRUNCH
Grip
Sword
Don't you have any reaction at all!?
Wait..! I...
CRACK
B-
Bitch!! Hey...
I'll strangle you..!






WHAT THE... FUCK... HOW DID SHE CHANGE THIS MUCH?
DIDN'T HER CONTRACTED PRIEST DIE?
BUT IT'S NOT EMOTION... NOT JUST RAGE OR CONVICTION... IT'S LIKE...

IT'S LIKE SHE'S PERFORMING A "CURSE" IN ORDER TO KILL ME.

A "CURSE".

POP
SPLATTER
SPLASH

IT MUST BE PAID...
BUT THE COMPENSATION... SUCH TREMENDOUS POWER...
HE WAS SO EASILY DEFEATED...
SHIMEN-SAN...
.....
HE LOST TOO MUCH LIFE FORCE... THERE WAS NO MEANING IN OUR EXISTENCE. THAT'S ALL THERE IS...
LOOKS LIKE... HE'S DEAD.
THAT'S ALL...
OHN!
FLASH
A FOOLISH PERSON.
IT SEEMS... I'M STILL...
.....

FLAP
FLAP
WHOOSH
FLAP
FLAP
SLURP
SLIDE
GAPE
Drip
FLASH
Thuk

POINTLESS...
FOR AN ENEMY, NO LESS... I JUST HAD TO GO AND SAVE AN ENEMY THAT WILL END UP DESTROYING HIMSELF...
SUCH A USELESS EMOTION...
RUSTLE
BUT...
DO I STILL HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO HIM...?
THIS IS THE LAST TIME.

SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLASH

SPLISH

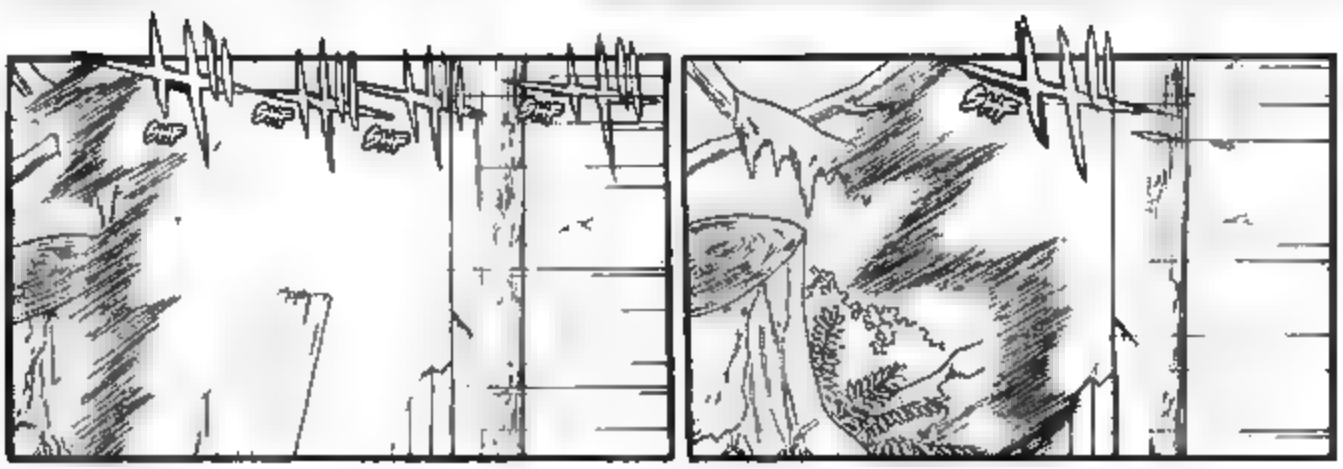
AH.
AAH.
AAAAAH!

AAAAAAAH!!
AAAAAAAH!!
Twitch
AH...
Ack...
Sssss
Sssss
AAAH
...
AH!

Two o'clock

Spkn-did...
Ka
Kakaka Kahaha-haha
To think...
it would end like this...
DON
GOOD WORK... KAMIKA.
RIGHT
I'M FINISHED, TAKAMINE-SAMA.
.....

WHEN THE GENERAL IS DEFEATED, THE "ENCAMPMENT" DISAPPEARS, AS WELL.



Ka
Ka ka ka
You defeated me... but I accomplished my goal.
By keeping the "trump card" busy... I'm... satisfied.
In the end...
The victory...
is ours...
FL UMP

H-HIGH PRIEST!?
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

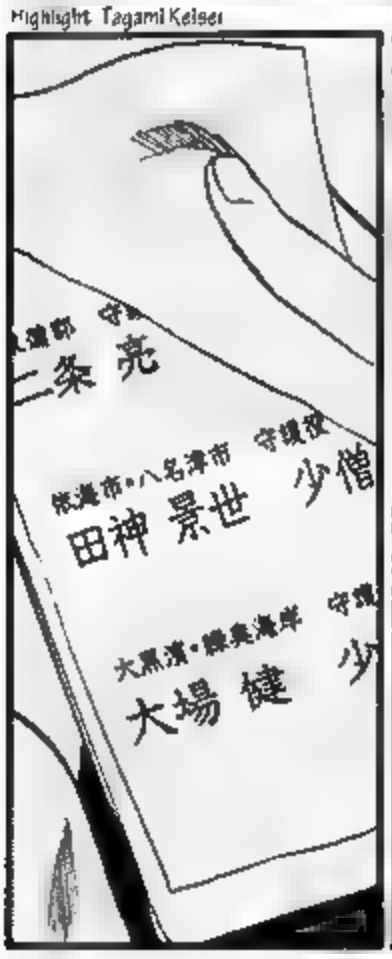
FLAPPA
A RETURN ORDER WAS SENT OUT!
FLAPPA
Y-YES!
FLAPPA
OH, YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
WHAT IS IT? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

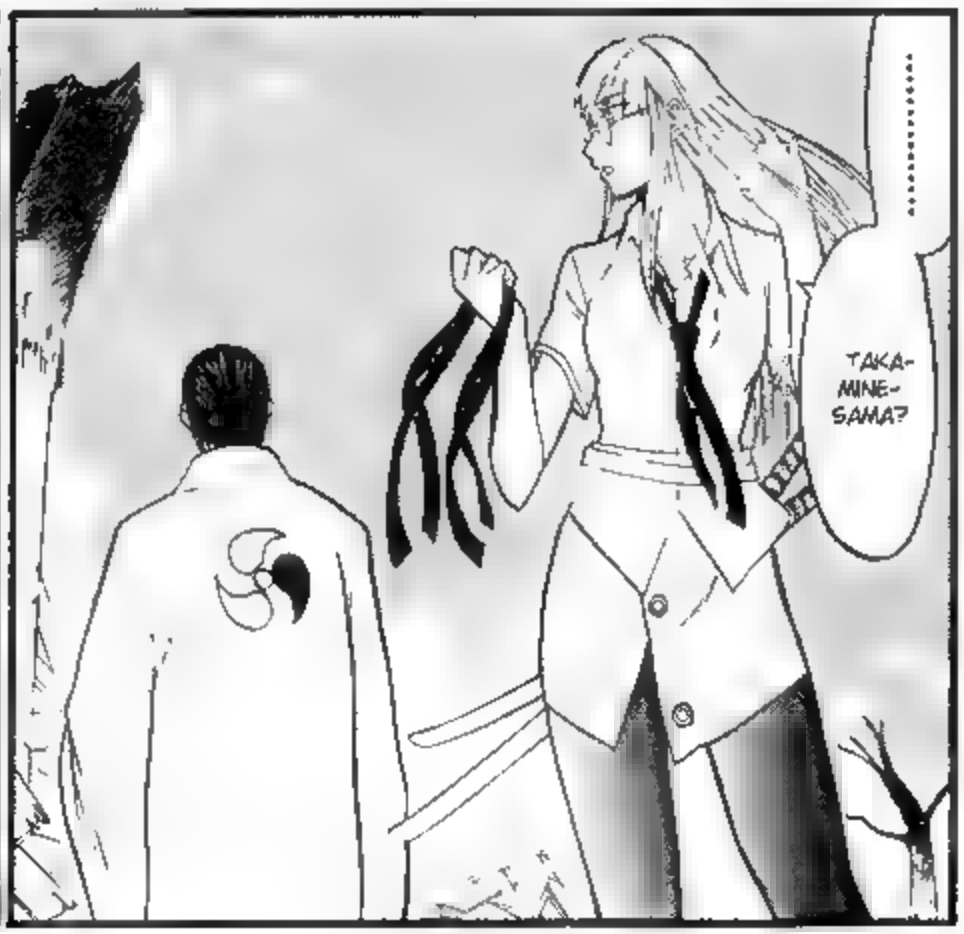
.....
AN ATTACK?
TH-THAT IS...
A RETURN? IMPOS-SIBLE.
THE LEADER OF THE "UNCLEAN BUNCH" WAS HERE.

.....
SHOW ME THE LIST.
IT SEEMS THERE'VE ALREADY BEEN MANY MARTYRS...
Y-YES.
THERE'VE BEEN INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON THE SAFEGUARDS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS BETWEEN YESTERDAY AND THIS MORNING.

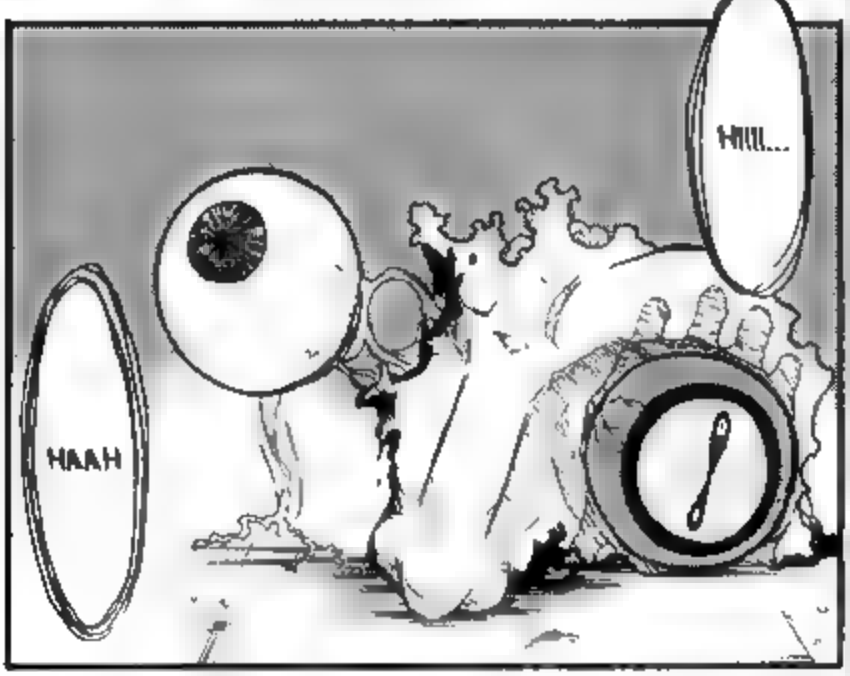
IT'S OBVIOUS, BUT HEADQUARTERS IS ON ITS OWN WITHOUT THE HIGH PRIEST... SO AS FAR AS AN INCREASE IN MARTYRS AND THE ACCOMPANYING CHAOS IS CONCERNED, IT'S CERTAINLY NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO COPE...
IT WAS... A TRAP. WHILE WE WERE FLAILING AROUND OVER HERE, THEY WERE FILLING THEIR BELLIES ELSEWHERE...

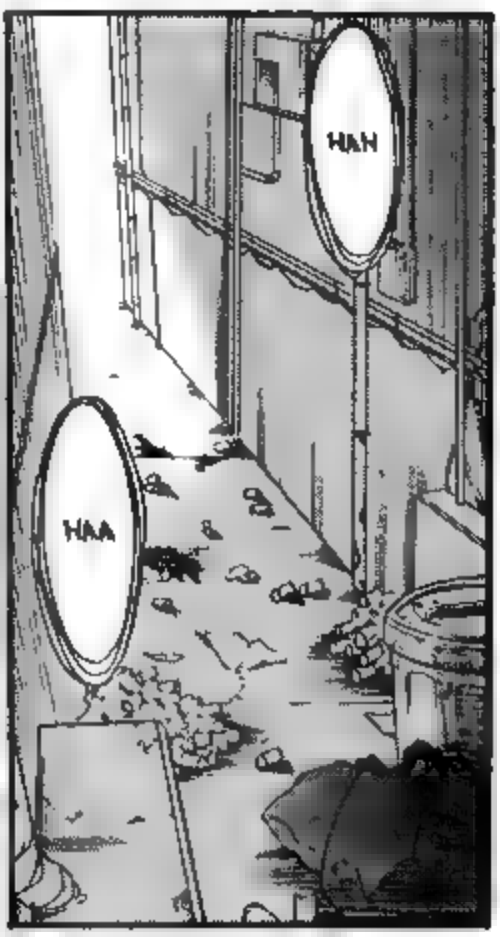
Highlight Tagami Keisei





SLIDE
HAH
SLIDE


HAAH
HHH...


HAH
HAA

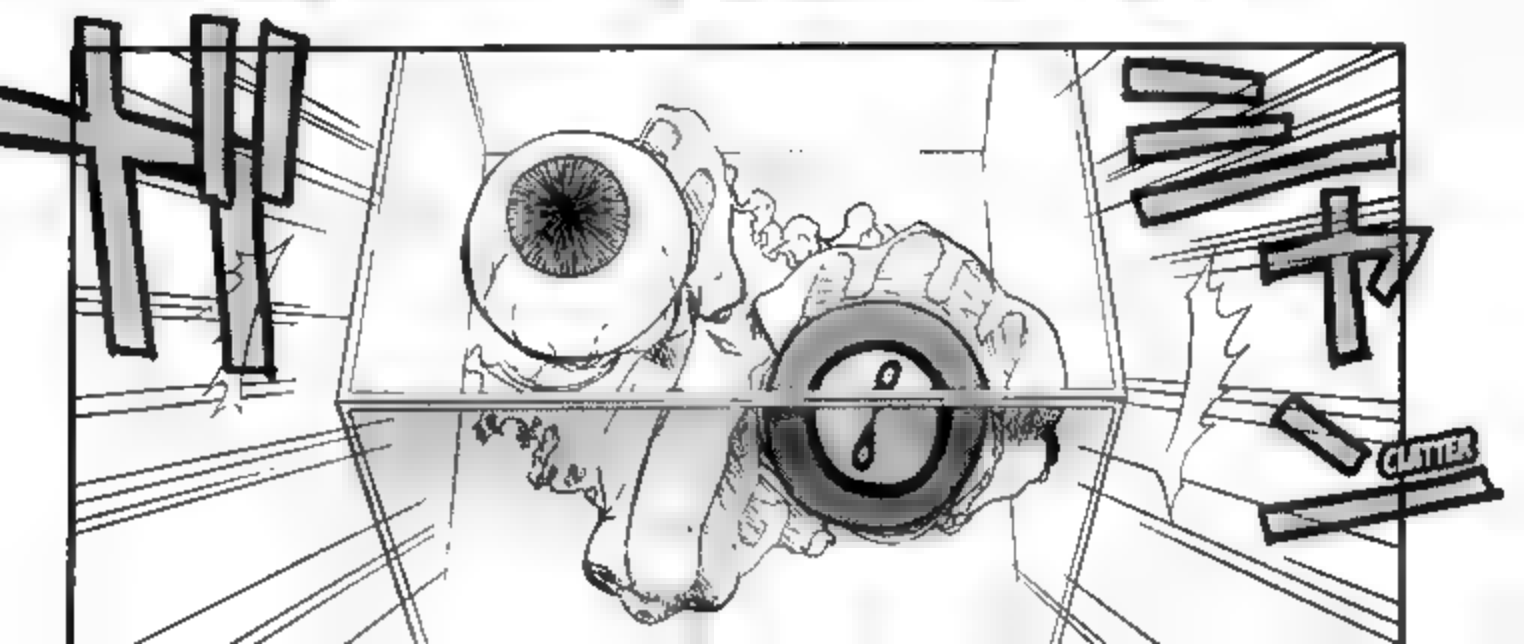
A-AKASHA! YOU BAS-TARD.
WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN...!?
W-WELL
IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW
HURRY FIX ME UP WITH KISOU RENGE...!!
RIGHT
Slip
OF COURSE I'LL HELP YOU.
BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A FOOL, THAT IS.
.....!?
WHAT THE FUCK?
BASTARD. WHAT ARE YOU...?
I TOLD YOU AT THE BE-GINNING, DIDN'T I?
THIS ATTACK'S GRAND GOAL WAS TO REPLACE THE MISSING "COFFIN"...
SO I WILL MAKE ONE.
USING YOU.

YOUR QUICK COMPREHENSION IS VERY HELPFUL.
YES.
TO USE ME FOR THAT.. FROM THE BEGINNING?
IT CAN'T BE YOU WERE GOING...

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SHORTSIGHTED, IF I USE THE EYE WHICH WAS EXPOSED TO THE "COFFIN", IT WILL MOST LIKELY BE CLOSE ENOUGH, IF NOT PERFECT.
YOU ARE THE SHIKABANE CLOSEST TO A KIND OF "DEATHBED REGRET" PHENOMENON.
YOU LURK AMONG PEOPLE AND EAT THEIR DEAD.

THE BENEFITS FOR ME ARE OVERWHELMING
CLICK

ABOVE ALL, IF I USE THE EYE THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, I CAN UTILIZE IT WITHOUT ANY BACKLASH.


CLITTER

BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU.. FOR NOW..
SHIT
I GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE
.....
GIHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HA!!
GY HA!
AND I'LL GET TO WATCH AS YOU DIE .
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL DIE RATHER. I'LL BE RIGHT BESIDE YOU.
BUT .
DON'T FORGET THIS. YOU SHIT .

THE MAN WHO WAS MY OLDER BROTHER,
MY FATHER, AND MY BEST FRIEND, PASSED AWAY...

AND I BECAME A CONTRACTED PRIEST.

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Really that hard to click 4 more times to read your FAVORITE series?

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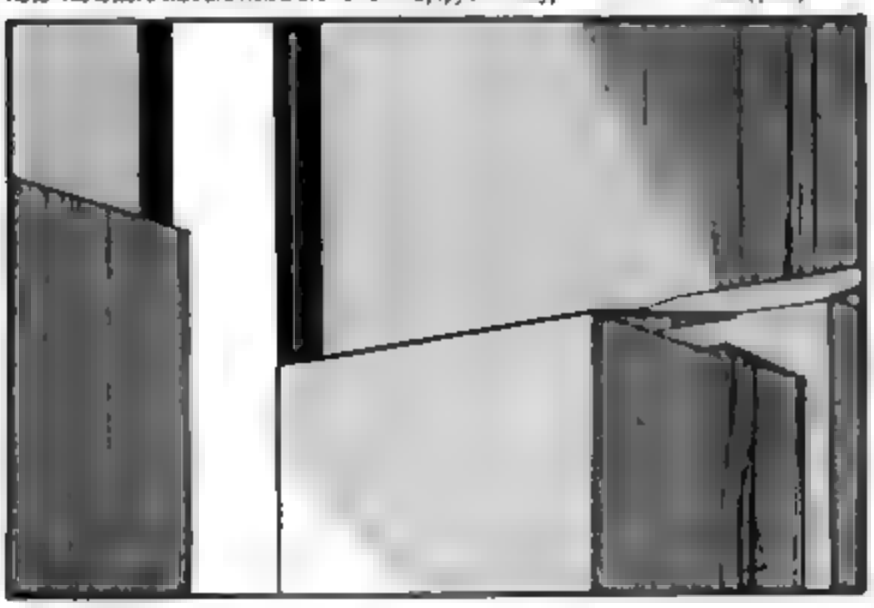
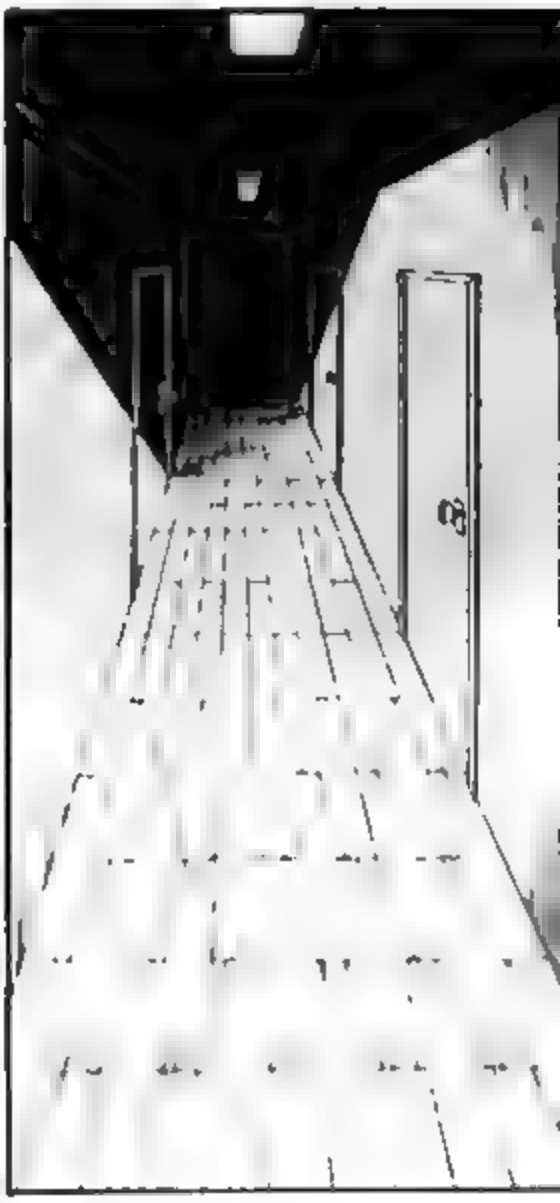
CORPSE 16: FUNERAL

Note: The letters that are visible are /. for Happy Birthday, and / . / for Hana(ann),





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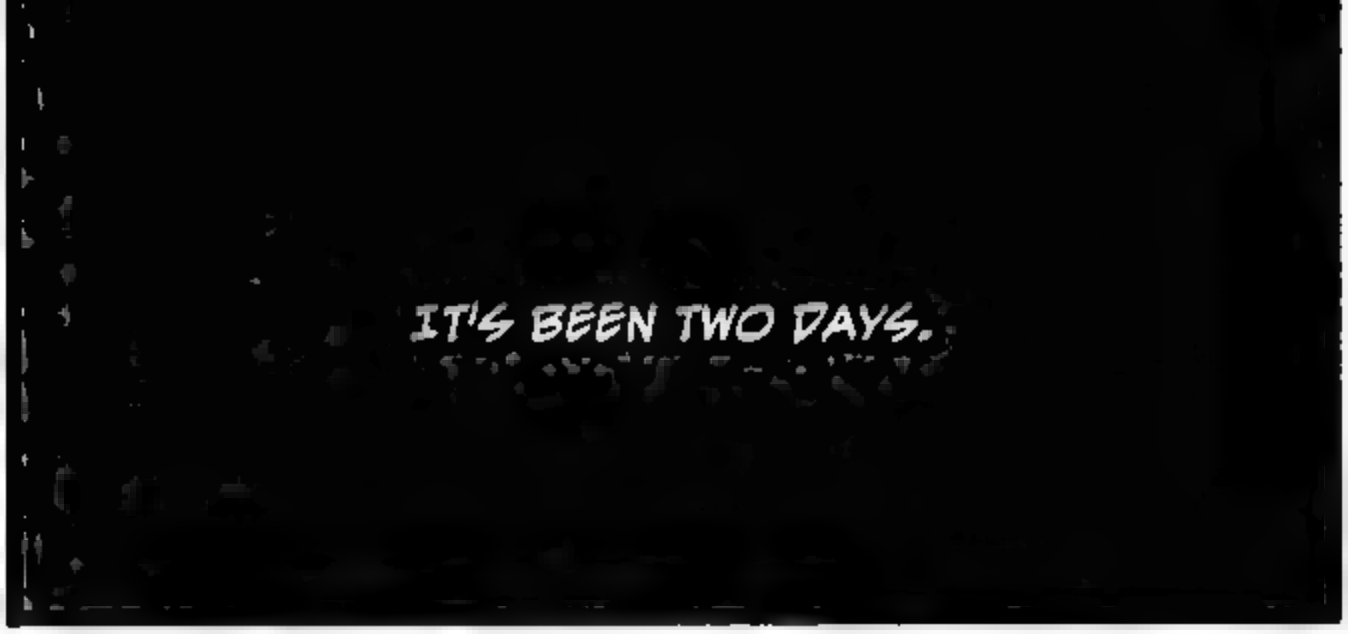
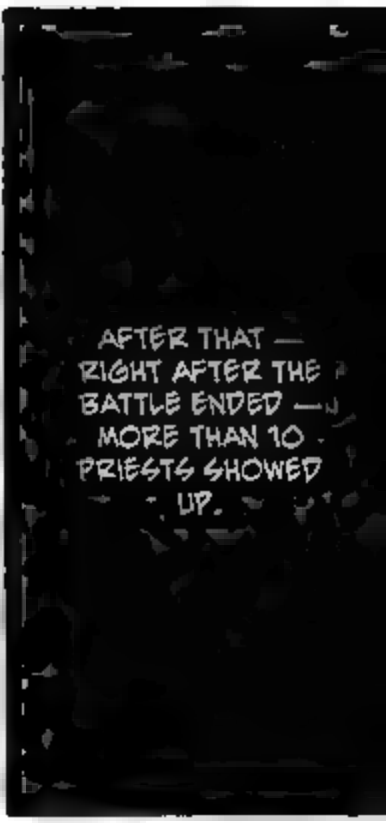

IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS.

AS FOR ME...

IT SEEMED LIKE THEY JUST WANTED TO SWEEP THE INCIDENT UNDER THE RUG.
ANIKI'S DEATH WAS HANDLED EXTERNALLY, AND LABELED AS ACCIDENTAL.


AFTER THAT — RIGHT AFTER THE BATTLE ENDED — MORE THAN 10 PRIESTS SHOWED UP.

WAS I NOT WATCHING HOSHIMURA-SAN AFTER THAT?
SPEAKING OF WHICH...

I WAS WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES UNTIL IT WAS OVER
ALL I COULD DO...

SO LET'S GO AFTER WE TIDY UP THE PLACE.
EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD JUST HEADED OFF TO THE CREMATO-RIUM...
OOR!
LOOKS EVEN MORE EXHAUSTED THAN I DO... BUT I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
SENSEI...
YEAH
ALL RIGHT
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE HAS HER CHIEF MOURNER DUTIES, AND SHE HASN'T SLEPT SINCE YESTERDAY SO OF COURSE IT WOULD START TO SHOW ON HER FACE...
SLIDE
AFTER WAKING UP TO A SITUATION LIKE THAT... WHO WOULDN'T BE...?
CLACK
THUNK
CLUNK

SENSEI. WHAT'S THIS..?
OH.

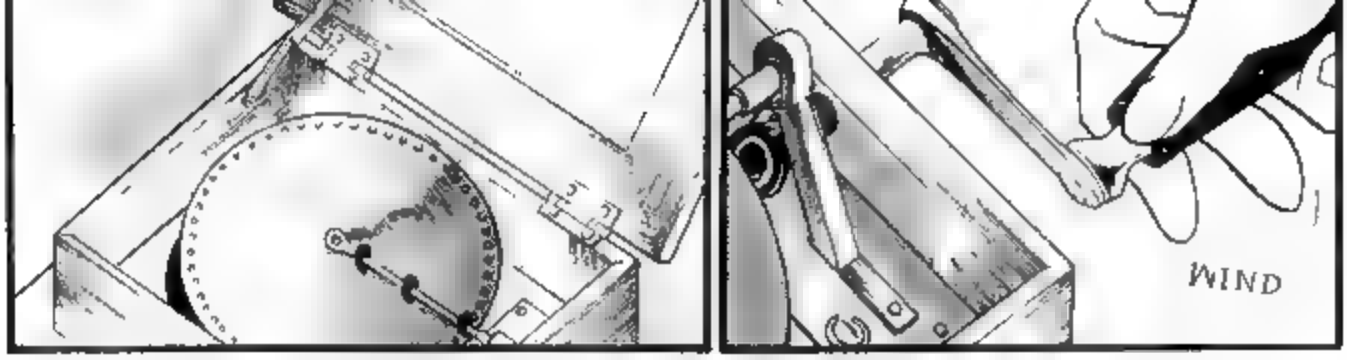
THAT'S... A PRESENT.
FROM ME TO YOU. FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY... YOU KNOW?
.....

SHOCKED
EH?
EH?

WITH ALL THE COMMOTION, I FORGOT TO GIVE IT TO YOU. SORRY 'BOUT THAT
MM. IT'S OKAY THANK YOU.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! SINCE WE MISSED YOUR ACTUAL BIRTHDAY, YOU SHOULD OPEN IT NOW

THAT GUY
KEISEI SAID IT'S A NICE MUSIC BOX, SO IT SHOULD HAVE A SOUNDING BOX.
HE WENT OFF AND BOUGHT THIS SOUNDING BOX TO KEEP IT IN.
SENSEI?
AH. SO YEAH.
MY PRESENT IS THIS MUSIC BOX...
WHAAA
Your room is pretty dreary, don't you think?
I SEE...
THAT GUY HAS NO SENSE AT ALL.
HE JUST BOUGHT THIS WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT HOW IT WOULD LOOK.
HE WAS SUCH A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...
SERI-OUSLY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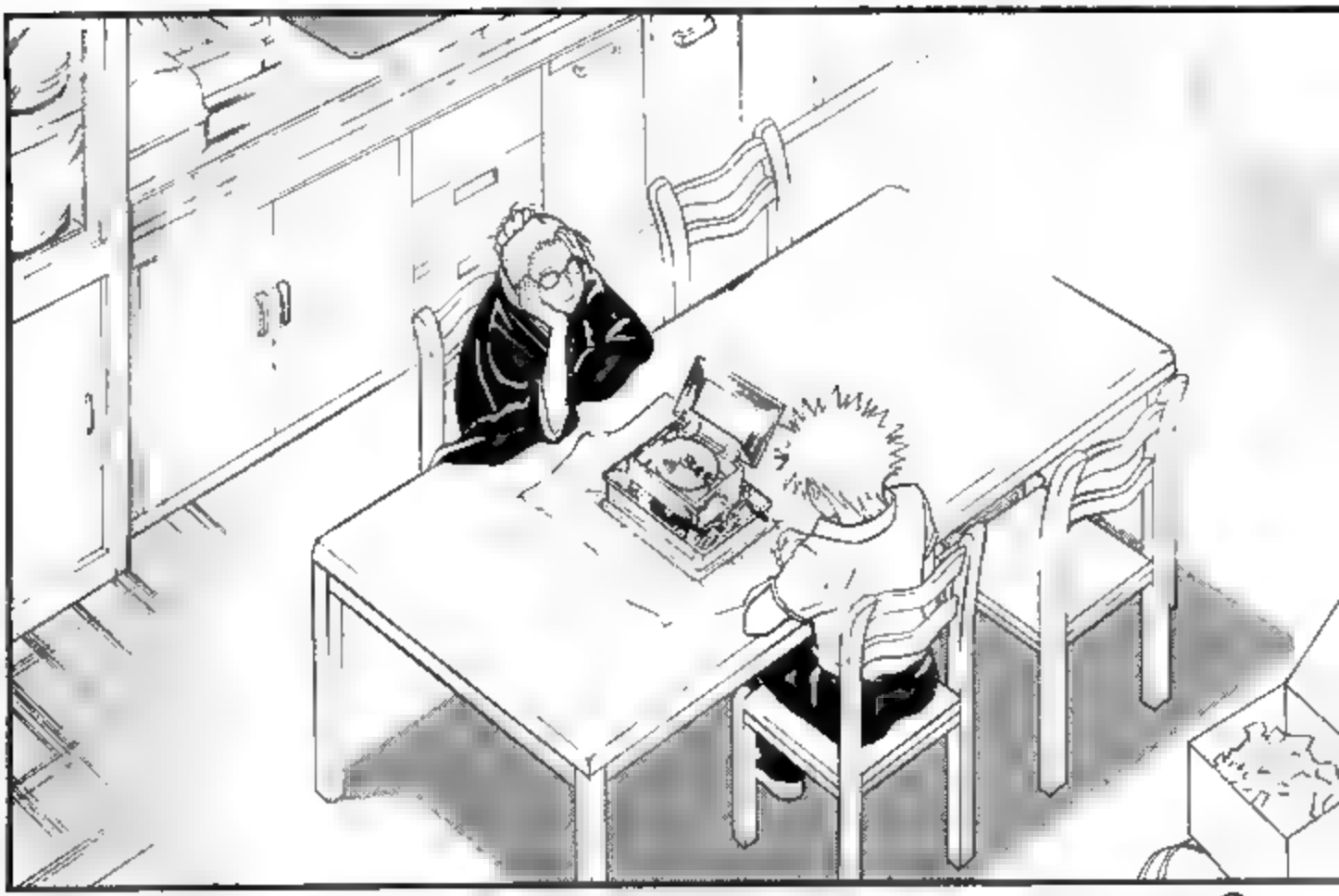


IT SEEMS A SOUNDING BOX WAS A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL.
MM.

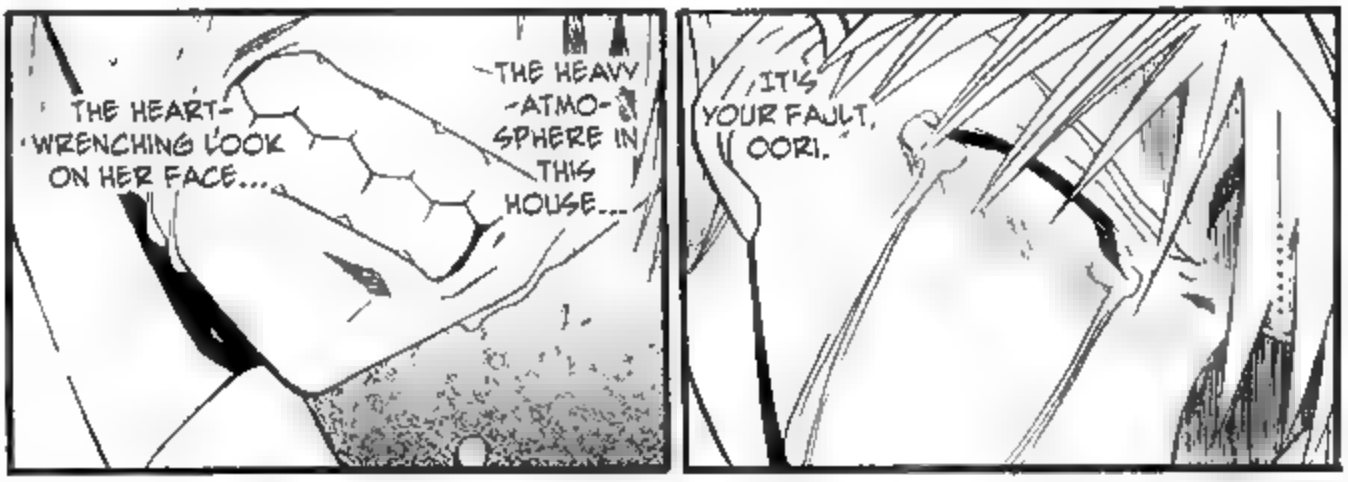
WHAT A PRETTY SOUND.
.....

WHERE'D THAT GUY FIND SOMETHING LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?
SERI-OUS-LY
POKE

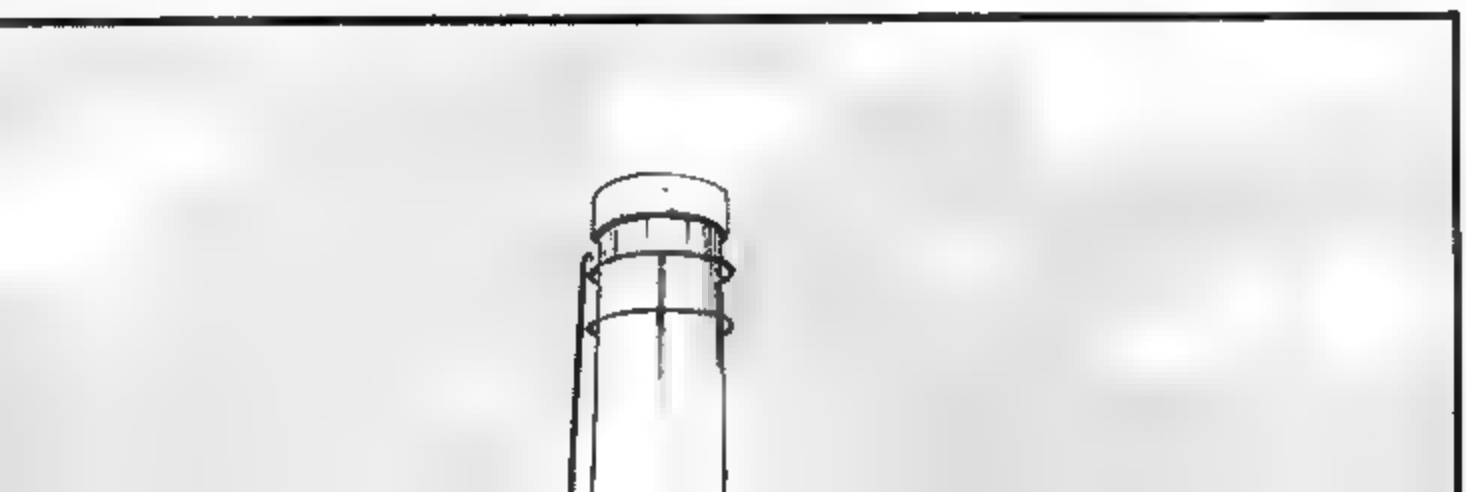
AHAHA
BUT I DON'T THINK THE DESIGN IS EVEN REMOTELY GOOD... WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

KEISEI ...
HE HAD SUCH CHILDISH HABITS, AND HE WOULD TELL THE CHILDREN UNNECESSARY THINGS...
HE WAS SUCH A STUPID, FRIVOLOUS, AND WORLDLY PRIEST.
HE TOOK CARE OF US, WATCHED OVER US, AND WORRIED ABOUT US, YOU KNOW?
WHAT A WEIRDO.
FU FU
I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, SEE,
AND I ALWAYS CAME TO THE SAME CONCLU-SION.
HE'S A TOTAL WEIRDO
ISN'T HE ODD? FUFUFU...
FU...
FUH...
.....
BUH...
Drip
Drip
OOR!
..

HE REALLY DIED, DIDN'T HE?
THAT GUY..
WE'LL NEVER... BE ABLE TO EAT BREAKFAST TOGETHER AGAIN...
Well up
TRULY . .
SPLASH
SPLISH
HE'S SUCH.. A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...!
HE ONLY EVER WORRIED ABOUT US ..
AND THEN HE ENDS UP LEAVING WITHOUT A WORD...
!!
WIPE


THE HEART-WRENCHING LOOK ON HER FACE...
THE HEAVY -ATMO-SPHERE IN THIS HOUSE...
IT'S YOUR FAULT, OORI.

nnn...
nuuu unnn!!
YOU ARE THE REASON!!
kuh ...
ALL OF IT...!



ENE
HAYLE
BAN
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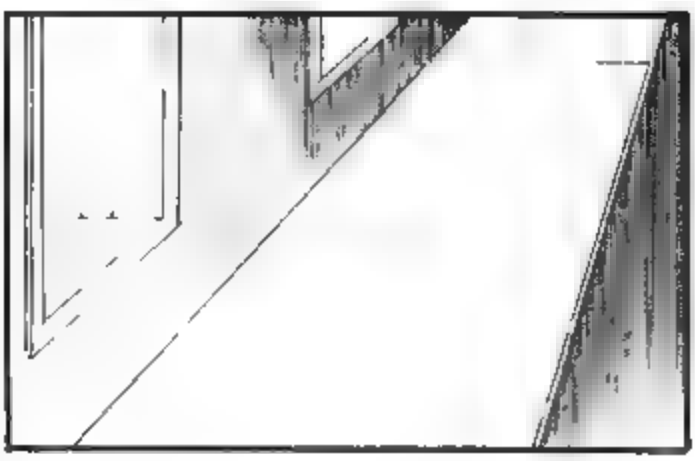
SFX boso boso boso (mutter murmur mumble)

...WAS IT...? A HALLUCINATION?
NOTHING THERE.. WHAT WAS THAT .. JUST NOW...?



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UM? THAT PRIEST OVER THERE? I THINK HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. .
BLANK

...OORI?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HINA..

BOW
RUFFLE
.....
TO START YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPA-THIES.
THE DEPARTED WILL SURELY BE HONOURED BY HIS ANCESTORS, AND HIS PASSING WILL SERVE AS A CAUTIONARY EXAMPLE.
YES...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
UH .. AND YOU ARE. ?

I AM CURRENTLY THE ONE WHO IS APPOINTED TO THIS DISTRICT'S INSPEC-TIONS BUREAU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I AM SHIRAE RINSEN.
OH...
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET, HAVE I?
.....
INSPEC-TIONS BUREAU?
I LEAD THE REINFORCE-MENTS FOR THE SOLDIER PRIESTS ON THE FRONT LINE OF BATTLE.
I ALSO SELECT THE JUNIOR PRIESTS WHO SERVE AS GUARDIANS,
AND I OVERSEE THE COVER-UP AFTER A BATTLE THROUGH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
ALSO...
I AM IN CHARGE OF THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARTYRS THIS TIME.
MARTYRS...
OKAY, SO.
WHAT DO YOU NEED ME FOR?

CURRENTLY...
THE JUNIOR HIGH PRIEST IS MARTYRED, AND THROUGH UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES, HIS CONTRACT PASSED OVER TO YOU.
THEREFORE, HIS EMINENCE HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU PERSONALLY

ALL RIGHT

EMINENCE?
HIS EMINENCE, THE HIGH PRIEST
I HAVE BROUGHT KAGAMI OORI-DONO.

ISN'T THAT..! THE THIRD HIGHEST POSITION IN THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT?
"HIGH PRIEST"...
HELLO..

I AM THE HIGH PRIEST OF THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT, TAKAMINE SOUGEN.
MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES.

SHIRAE... YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.
I JUST... WANTED TO TALK TO HIM.
... RIGHT.
HIS EMINENCE IS ONE OF SIX HIGH PRIESTS WHO SUPERVISE THE 6 MILLION FOLLOWERS IN THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT
PLEASE BE RESPECT-FUL.
DON'T PRES-SURE ME!
YES. . HE WAS... KEISEI WAS MY FIRST DISCIPLE
HIS SKILLS MADE HIM SEEM LIKE AN UNWORTHY STUDENT. BUT HE WAS A GOOD MAN. .
.SO I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM. IF YOU COULD YOU PLEASE...
TELL ME ABOUT HIS FINAL MO-MENTS.
TALK. .
TO ME?
I SEE
HE FOUGHT TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY UNTIL THE END...

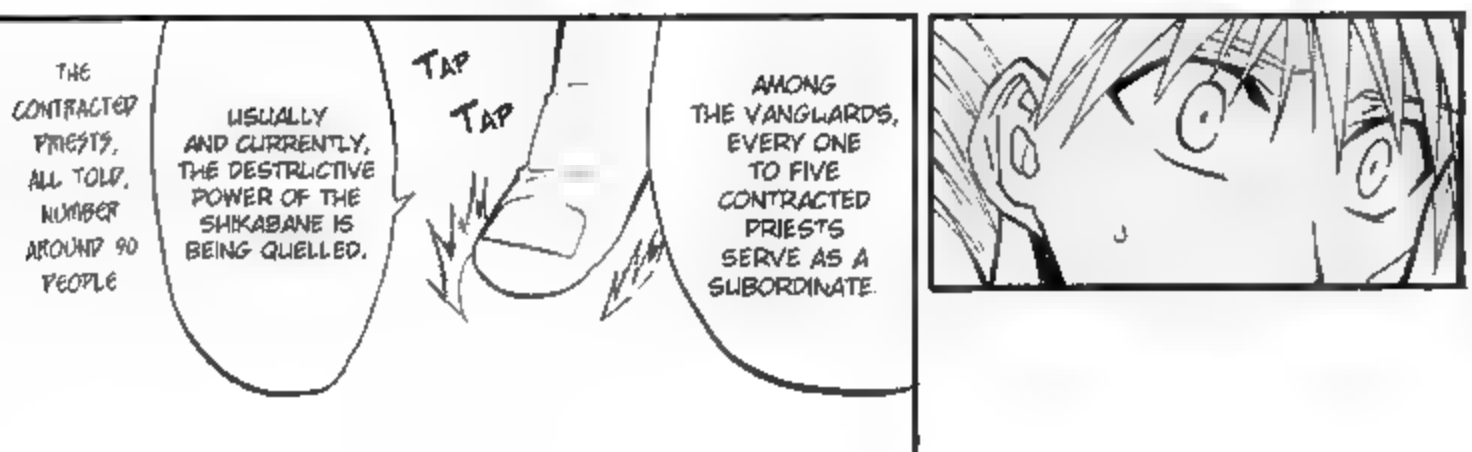
I'M SORRY...!
clatter
Bow.
IT'S ALL . MY FAULT
BECAUSE I DIDN'T FOLLOW ANIKI'S INSTRUCTIONS.. I WAS MANIPULATED...
AND I CAUSED .. ANIKI TO DIE.
ALL OF IT...!
IT'S MY OWN STUPID FAULT!!

EVEN AN INCREDIBLY WARY PERSON WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN DRAWN OUT OF THE BARRIER EVENTUALLY...
THAT SHIKABANE GUY WAS CONSIDERABLY COMMITTED TO OBTAINING A TROPHY RATHER THAN HOLDING HIS MURDEROUS INTENTIONS IN CHECK.
IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ENDED THE SAME WAY.
NO.
!?
YOU COULD EVEN SAY THAT HIS PARTNER WAS MOST AT FAULT.
NO ONE PERSON CAN TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY
BUT KEISEI WAS SOFT-HEARTED.
OKAY
UM.
I ALSO HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK.
HOWEVER, I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT FAMILY-MINDED IDIOT SURPASSED MY EXPECTATIONS IN THE END.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
I APOLOGIZE I KNOW IT'S A PAINFUL TOPIC FOR YOU TO DISCUSS.
.....

I NEVER KNEW ABOUT HIS WORK,
SO COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME?
ABOUT ANIKI...

EHP
I SUPPOSE IT'S BEST IF YOU HEAR ABOUT IT FIRST HAND...
I SEE...

A "VANGUARD," SO TO SPEAK.
HE WAS A SENIOR SOLDIER PRIEST IN THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT DEPLOYED ALONG WITH 50 OTHERS IN THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION AS AN ANTI-SHIKABANE TASK FORCE.
YOU WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT KEISEI'S WORK. WAS IT?
IT'S NOTHING.


THE CONTRACTED PRIESTS, ALL TOLD, NUMBER AROUND 90 PEOPLE
USUALLY AND CURRENTLY, THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE SHIKABANE IS BEING QUELLED.
TAP
TAP
AMONG THE VANGUARDS, EVERY ONE TO FIVE CONTRACTED PRIESTS SERVE AS A SUBORDINATE.

BUT THE INTELLI-GENCE ON THIS ATTACK WAS DELAYED,
AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE CONTRACTED PRIEST PROTECTING THIS DISTRICT WAS KILLED THE OTHER DAY.
IN THIS ATTACK AIMED AT THE VANGUARDS, ASSIGNING A BODYGUARD SHOULD TECHNICALLY HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT...

AS A HIGH PRIEST OF THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT, I APOLOGIZE.
AS FOR THE RESULT... THE ACCUMULATION OF ALL THESE EVENTS IS LIKELY TO BLAME.

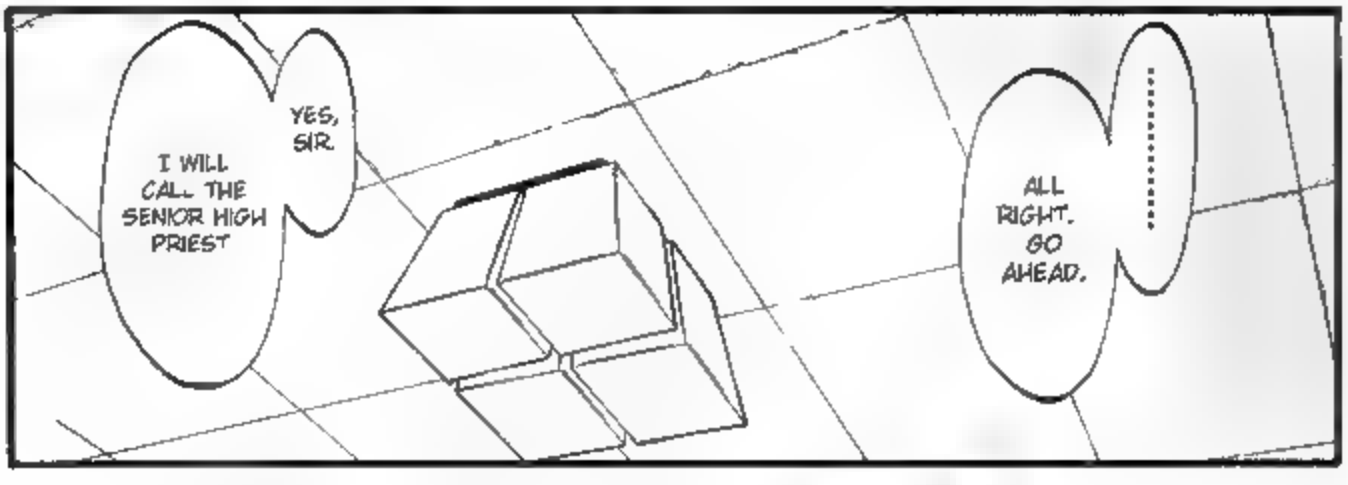
YOUR EMI-NENCE.
.....

SORRY 'BOUT THAT ..
IS HE WOR-RIED ABOUT ME...?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
NO .

..CAN'T YOU SEE I'M STILL TALKING WITH HIM ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

PLEASE RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS, THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IS FAST APPROACHING.

NO.
I JUST THOUGHT THAT HE MAY UNDERSTAND MORE EASILY IF I WERE TO EXPLAIN INSTEAD.
IT COULDN'T BE...
THAT YOU THINK I'M HESITATING... DO YOU, SHIRAE?
SO PLEASE RETURN, YOUR EMINENCE.
IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, I WILL TELL HIM THE REST FOR YOU...


YES, SIR.
I WILL CALL THE SENIOR HIGH PRIEST
.....
ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

I'D LIKE...
TO SPEAK WITH YOU AGAIN SOMETIME.
OH,
NO.
IT'S OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.. FOR THE TALK
SORRY, KAGAMI-KUN.
DUTY CALLS, SO I'LL LEAVE YOU FOR NOW.

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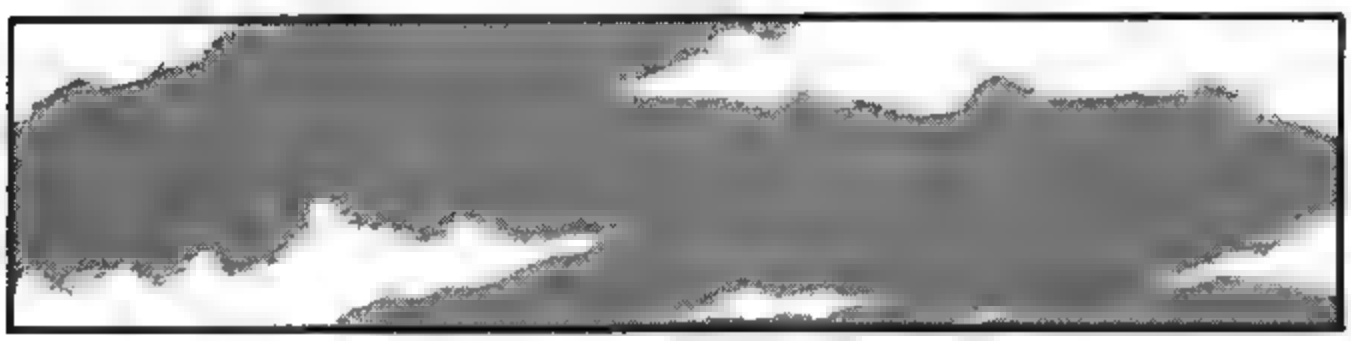
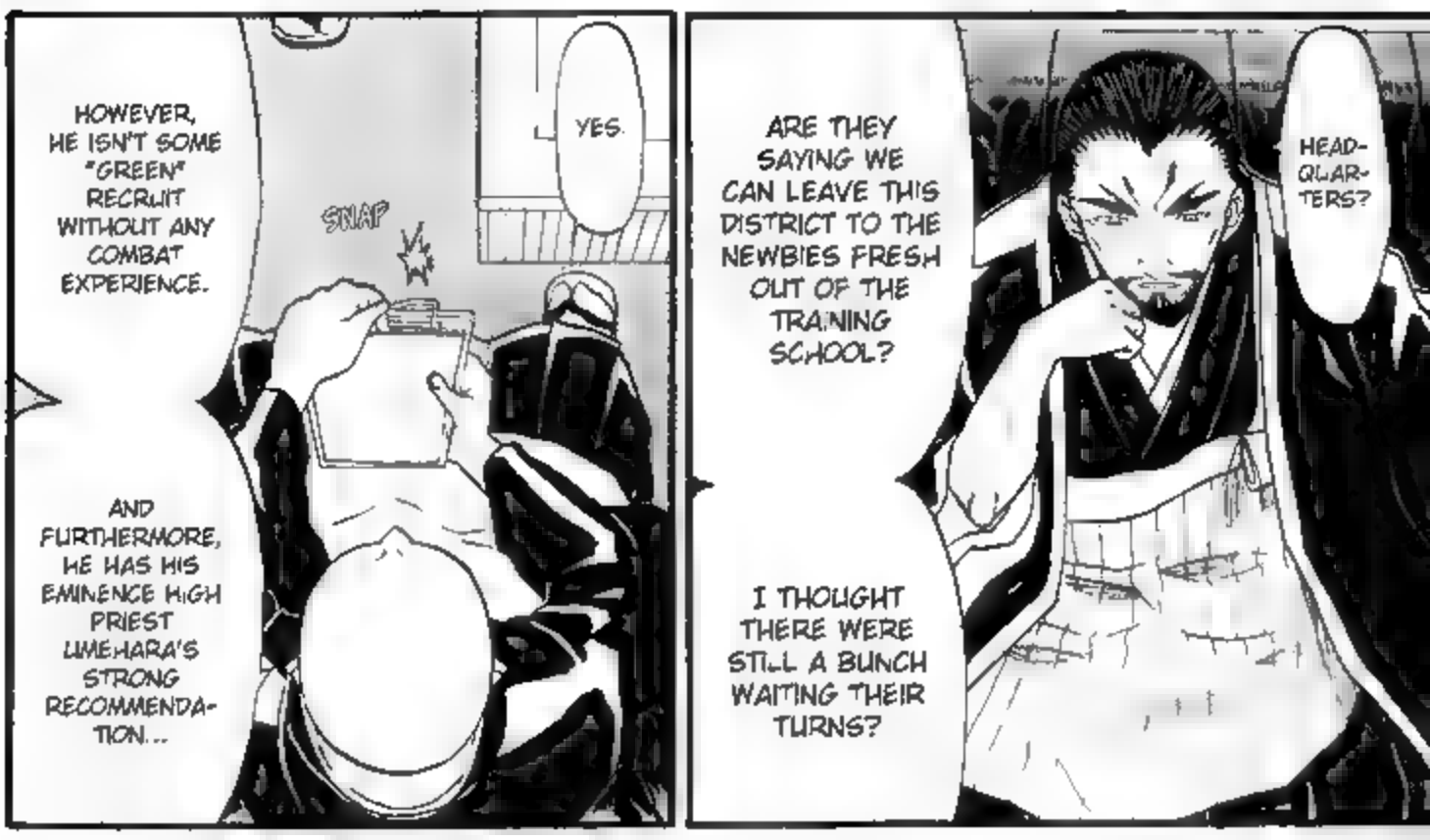


WHEN IT'S TIME FOR MY FAMILY FUNERAL.
AFTER CREMATION IS THE BONE PICKING CER-EMONY
I HOPE THAT MY SPIRIT WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE ON.

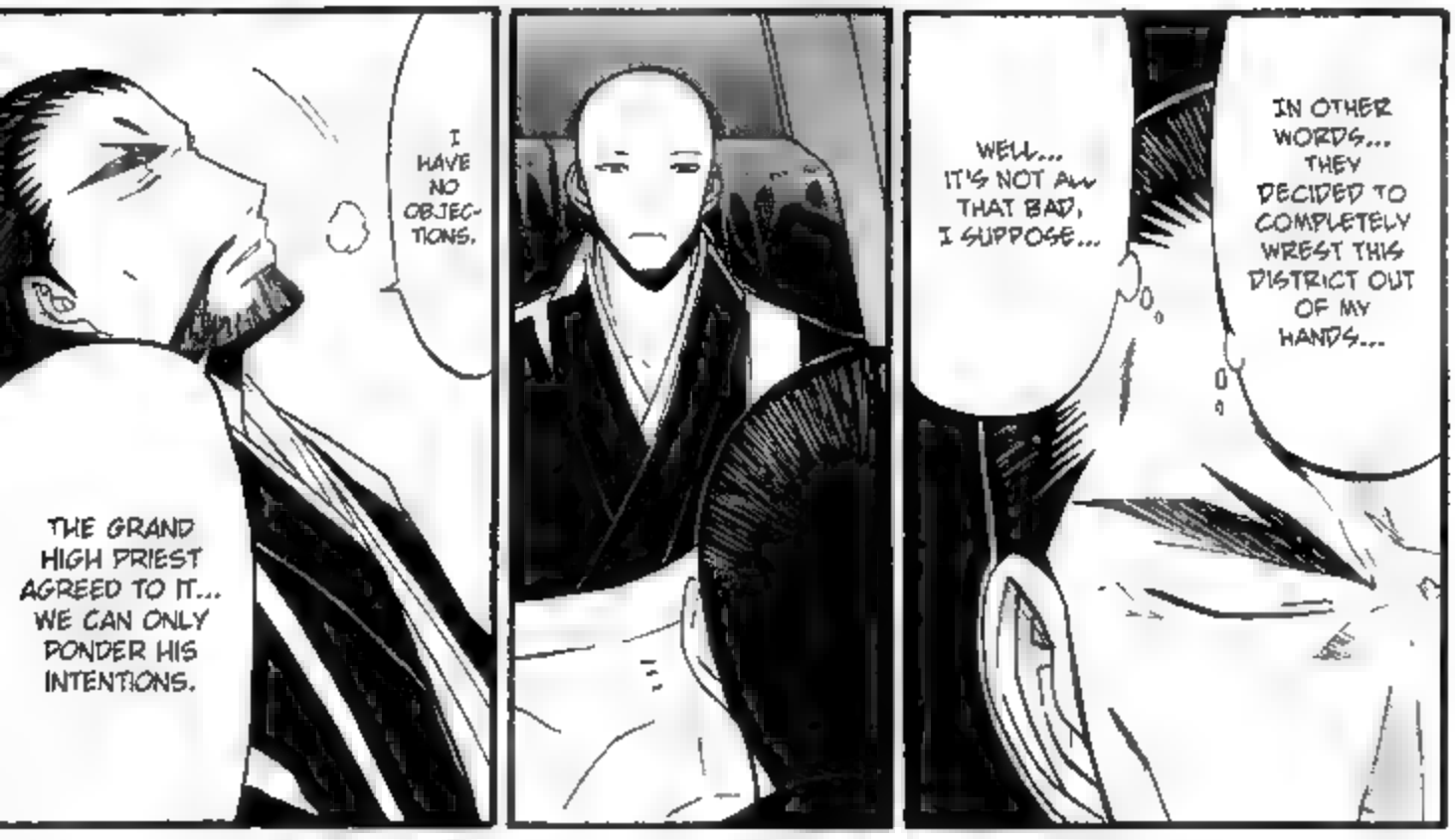
THOSE CHILDREN WERE ALL CRYING THEIR EYES OUT FOR KEISEI...
HE WAS A FOOLISH APPRENTICE, BUT I SUPPOSE HE WAS WEALTHIER THAN I KNEW...
YES, YOUR EMINENCE.
SNIFFLE
S-SOWWY...
SNIFFLE
MAZDER...!
RIKA.
I GUESS THAT INCLUDES YOU... EH?
Honk
YOUR EMINENCE
Y-YESSIR!
ALL RIGHT, JUST BLOW YOUR NOSE.

TO BE HONEST, IT'S A HUGE LOSS.
CONSEQUENTLY, FIRST AND FOREMOST, HEADQUARTERS HAS DECIDED TO SEND OUT SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO REINFORCE OUR STRENGTH.
IN THIS ATTACK, 5 VANGUARDS AND 18 SOLDIER PRIESTS WERE MARTYRED.
CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE NEXT VANGUARD FOR THIS DISTRICT..
YEAH?
YOU COULD ACT A LITTLE MORE BROKEN UP ABOUT IT...

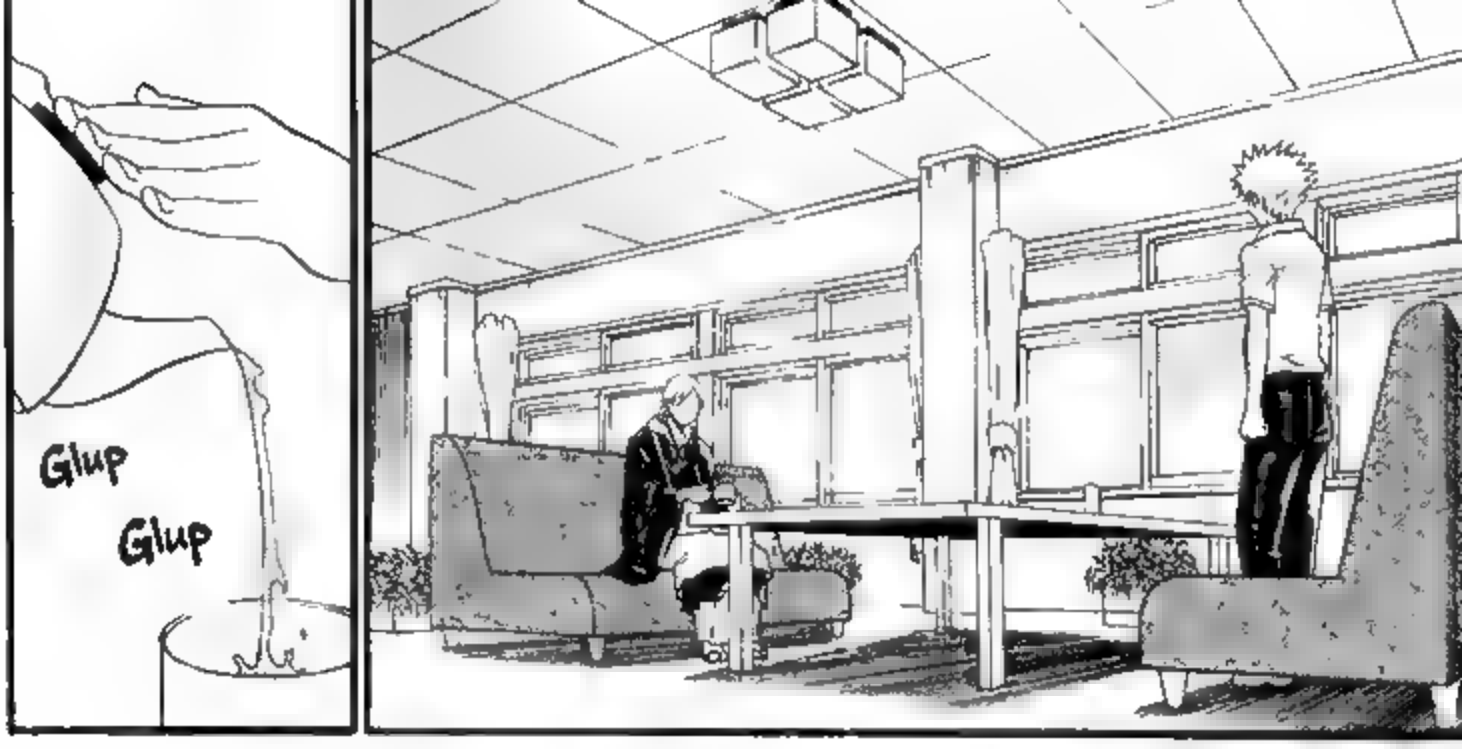

YES.
SNAP
HOWEVER, HE ISN'T SOME "GREEN" RECRUIT WITHOUT ANY COMBAT EXPERIENCE.
AND FURTHERMORE, HE HAS HIS EMINENCE HIGH PRIEST UMEHARA'S STRONG RECOMMENDATION...
HEADQUARTERS?
ARE THEY SAYING WE CAN LEAVE THIS DISTRICT TO THE NEWBIES FRESH OUT OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL?
I THOUGHT THERE WERE STILL A BUNCH WAITING THEIR TURNS?

.....
OH..
UMEHARA'S?
HIS OWN DISCIPLE?
IT'S THIS MAN.

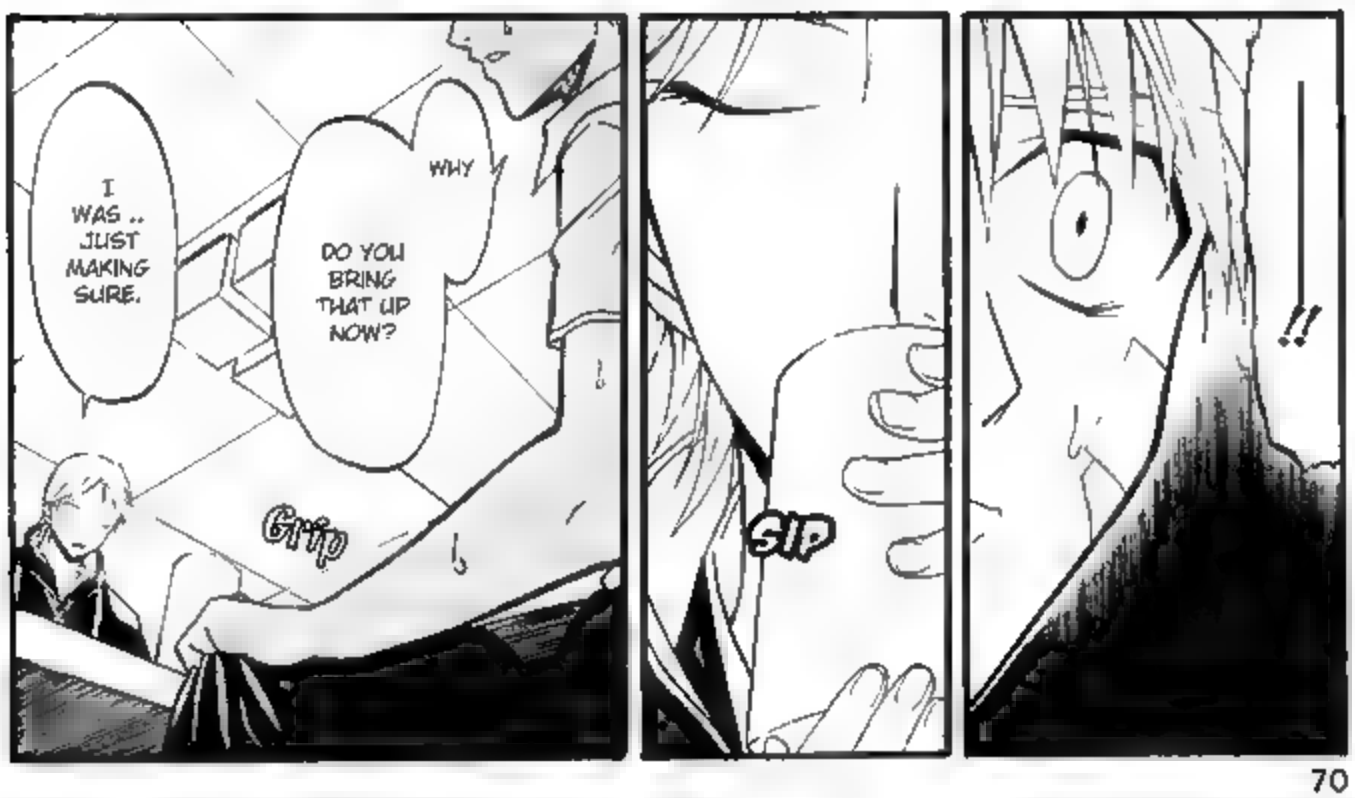
THE IKAI AND YANATSU CITY DISTRICTS HAVE DECIDED TO GOVERN WITH THIS NEW SYSTEM.
HE EVEN QUALIFIED FOR THE INSPECTIONS BUREAU, AND WOULD HAVE REPLACED SHIRAE...
YES, SIR.
HE COULD BE A GOOD CHOICE
I SEE NOW.. I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT HIM.


THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST AGREED TO IT... WE CAN ONLY PONDER HIS INTENTIONS.
I HAVE NO OBJEC-TIONS.
WELL... IT'S NOT ALL THAT BAD, I SUPPOSE...
IN OTHER WORDS... THEY DECIDED TO COMPLETELY WREST THIS DISTRICT OUT OF MY HANDS...

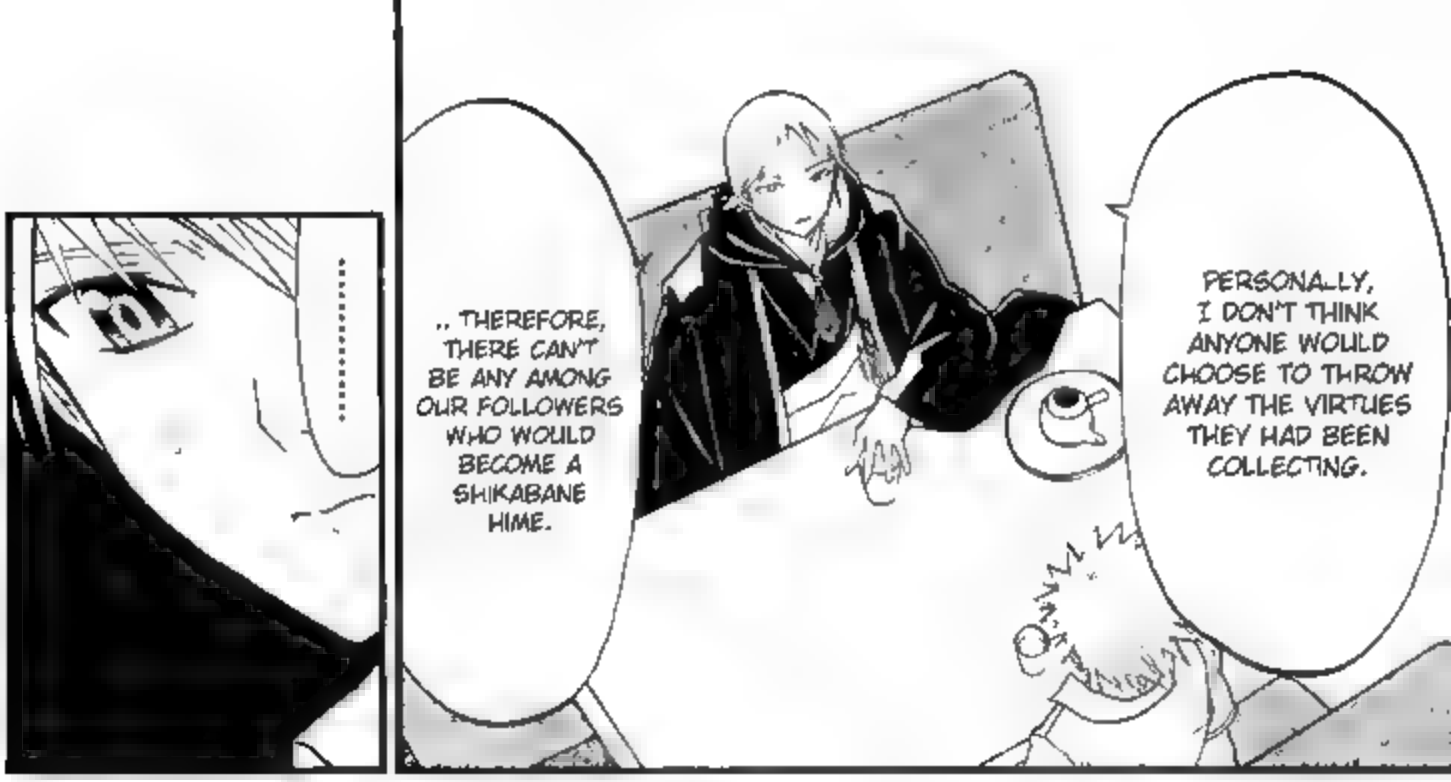
AS YOU WISH.


Glup
Glup

"YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE F RST THING ABOUT THE SHIKABANE HIME CONNECTED TO JUNIOR HIGH PRIEST TAGAMI KEISEI."
BEFORE THAT, THERE IS SOME BUSINESS TO CONDUCT
.....
UM. .
SO... WAS THERE ANYTHING E_SE.. ?


I WAS .. JUST MAKING SURE.
WHY DO YOU BRING THAT UP NOW?
Grip
GIP
!!

ACTU-ALLY...
ANIKI.
YES.
IT IS UNFOR-TUNATE..
HOWEVER, I THINK IT IS BETTER LIKE THIS.
THEREFORE, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL, THERE IS A PROCEDURE TO REPORT THE OUTCOME OF A PRE-CAUTIONARY INVESTIGA-TION.
ONCE IN A WHILE... IT COMES OUT.
THERE WILL BE A REQUEST FROM A RELATIVE WHO KNOWS THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO "REVIVE THEM AS A SHIKABANE HIME."
ASSUMING HE EVEN HAD THE TALENT, HE WOULDN'T WANT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT, BECOMING A SHIKABANE HIME IS AN EMBAR-RASSMENT
EH?
WHY DO YOU. ?
AN EXISTENCE EXTREMELY FAR FROM ENLIGHTEN-MENT
THAT IS BECAUSE SHIKABANE AND SHIKA-BANE HIME ARE DEAD THINGS,
BUT THAT RESPECT NEVER APPLIES TO THE SHIKABANE HIME.
THERE IS STATUS IN BEING A SOLDIER PRIEST THAT UTILIZES A SHIKABANE HIME...


.....
.. THEREFORE, THERE CAN'T BE ANY AMONG OUR FOLLOWERS WHO WOULD BECOME A SHIKABANE HIME.
PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD CHOOSE TO THROW AWAY THE VIRTUES THEY HAD BEEN COLLECTING.

NOW THEN,
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THE FRIVOLOUS CONVERSATION. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE REAL ISSUE
CURRENTLY OUR MOST IMPORTANT TASK.
IS TO TRANSFER THE SHIKABANE HIME, HOSHIMURA MAKINA, TO A NEW CONTRACTED PRIEST.

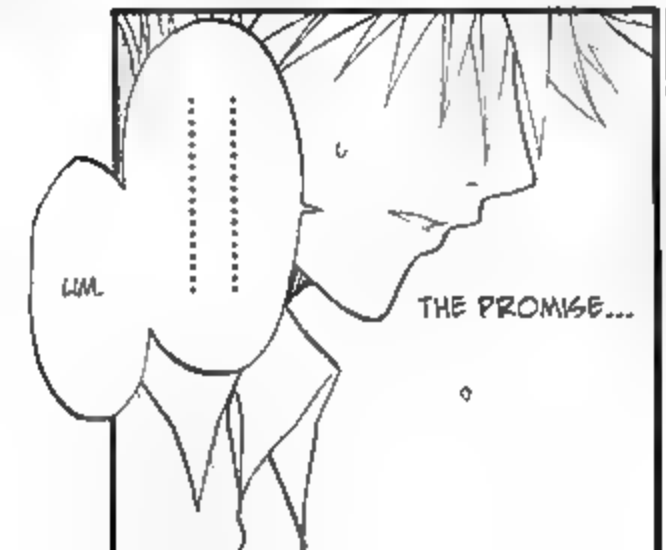
IN OTHER WORDS
AS SOON AS THE NEXT CONTRACTED PRIEST CANDIDATE IS CHOSEN..
YOUR CONTRACT WITH THE SHIKABANE HIME WILL BE REVOKED.
..EH?

IT'S JUST
I...
NO...
WHAT IS IT?
JUST HOLD ON!!
SLAM
WHAT...!? H- HOLD ON!!
.....!
ANIKI ENTRUSTED THE CONTRACT TO ME... I PROMISED HIM...!
THAT'S WHY...
CLENCH
Y- YES!
I...
"LET ME CONTINUE TO BE A CONTRACTED PRIEST"?
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
YOUR ROLE HAS ALREADY ENDED.
QUITE HONESTLY, YOU'RE A NUISANCE.

FRANKLY SPEAKING,
IT'S A MIRACLE YOU'RE EVEN STILL ALIVE.
ALL I'M SAYING IS... IF YOU REMAIN A CONTRACTED PRIEST, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL JUST DIE A MEANINGLESS DEATH AT THE HANDS OF SOME SHIKABANE.
!

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE JUST DISCARDING HER LIFE
THIS IS ENOUGH . YOU SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THIS.

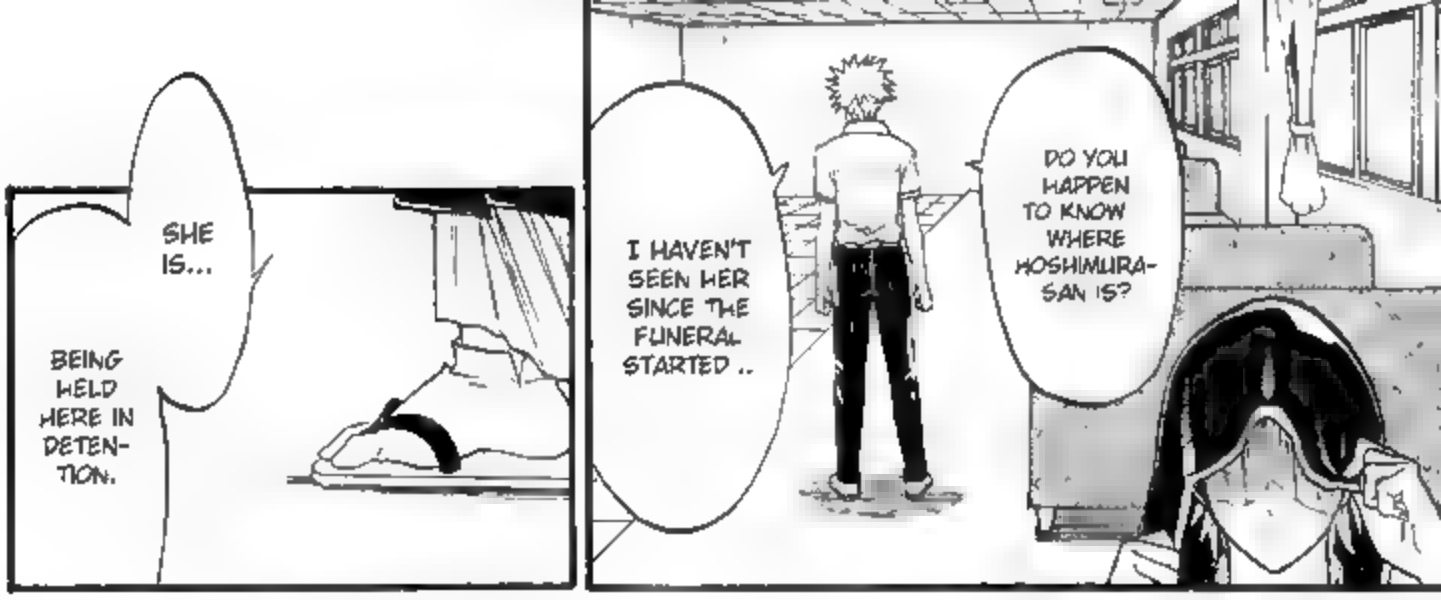
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO JOIN THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT ANYWAY
AND BESIDES...



I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT MAKE SENSE!...
MAKE EVERYONE CRY...

AND ABOVE ALL...

I CAN'T PROTECT MY PROMISE WITH ANIKI...!!


SHE IS...
BEING HELD HERE IN DETEN-TION.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE THE FUNERAL STARTED ..
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE HOSHIMURA-SAN IS?

!!
IF SHE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, WOULDN'T JUNIOR HIGH PRIEST TAGAMI'S MARTYRDOM HAVE BEEN TAINTED?
CLACK
MOREOVER. A SHIKABANE HIME IS A SINISTER EXISTENCE.

!!
GRIT

KEI-
SEI .
YOU
IDIOT
...

WHOA, YOUNG.
I HEARD HE'S SECOND GENERATION.
DON'T THEY CALL HIM "STRING BEAT"?

THE HECK'S THAT?
IT'S AN "IN-SCRIP-TION."
IT SEEMS LIKE EVEN AMONG THE CONTRACTED PRIESTS, THE CHOSEN ONES AREN'T ALLOWED TO BE CALLED BY THEIR GIVEN NAMES.
SO BASI-CALLY

HEY,
DID YOU HEAR? THERE'S A NEW VANGUARD ARRIVING.
HM?
HE'S ONLY 19!

HE'S PART OF THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT'S SPECIAL ARMED FORCES.
MAN.
THAT'S FREAKY
...SHH! THEY'RE HERE!
Tap
IS THAT STRING BEAT'S SHIKABANE HIME?
SHE'S PRETTY CUTE..
MO-RON!
SHE MAY BE LIKE THAT, BUT SHE'S A HUNDRED TIMES STRONGER THAN YOU.
IT'S NICE TO BE A CONTRACTED PRIEST
MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK BEHIND HER.

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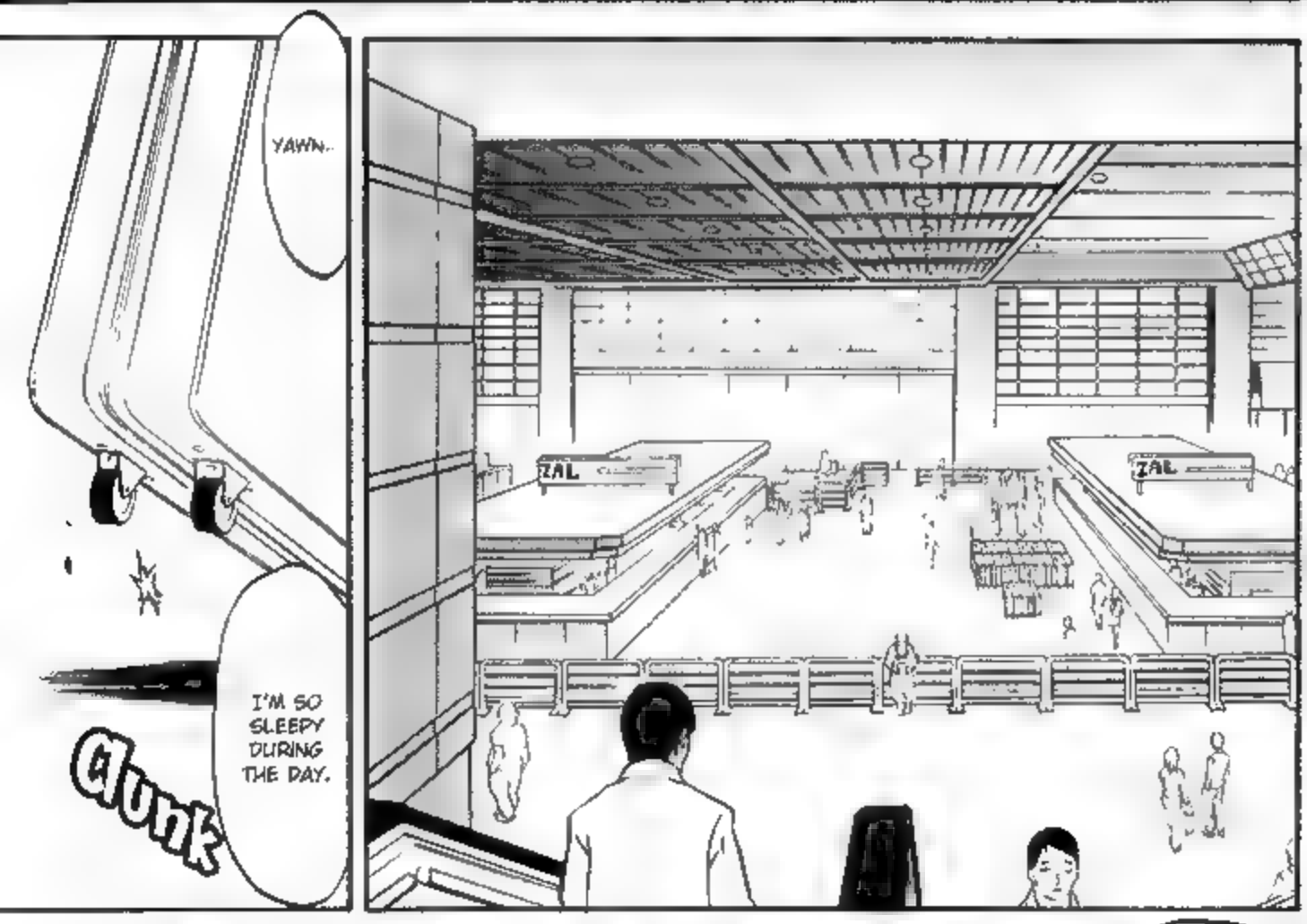
DON
THAT'S THE NEW VANGUARD...?
WHAT'S HIS NAME?

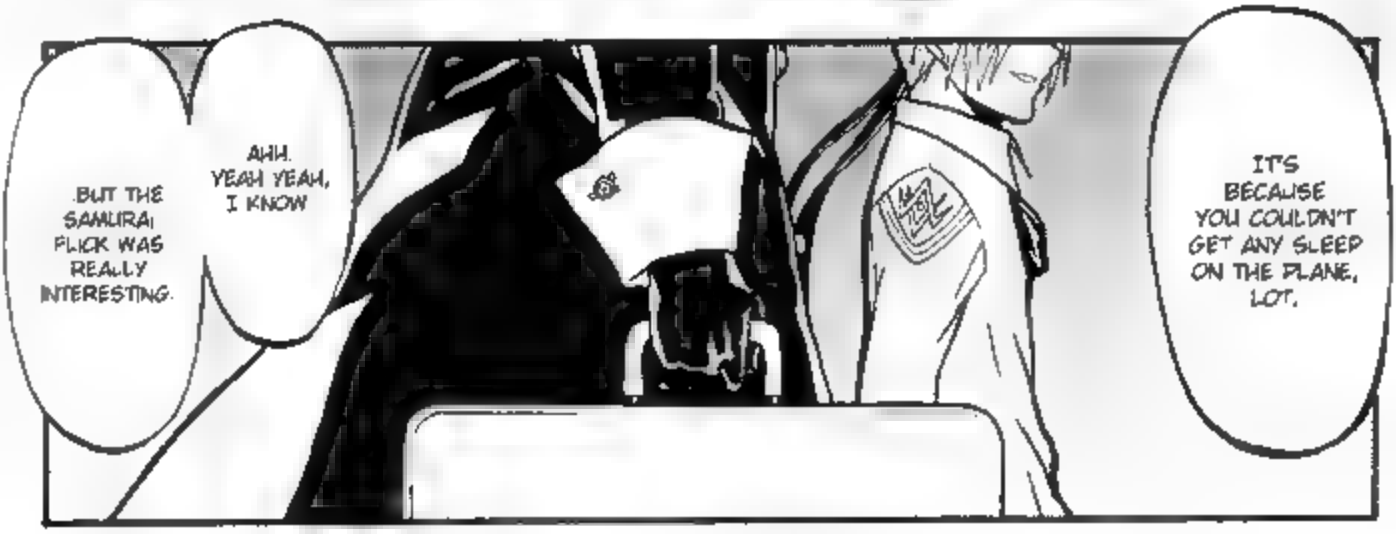
SOUGI TAKAMASA.

JUNIOR HIGH PRIEST STRING BEAT.

CORPSE 17: OMEN

Magical Girl
(Big-Breasted Cat-Eared Sailor Maid)
ZENBUNOSE's rival
Magical Soldier
(Flat-Chested Twin-Tailed Elf Nurse in a Gym
Uniform with a Tail)
THUUUDAKU FULLSET
Appears!!
(That's all for now!)





Japanese swords are so beautiful...

I SO WANT ONE.

NO WAY.
THEY'D LOCK YOU UP FOR BRINGING A WEAPON BACK HERE.

WONDER IF I COULD STEAL ONE.
AS A SOUVENIR FOR COMING ALL THE WAY HERE, Y'KNOW?

IT IS MY DUTY AS YOUR SUBORDINATE TO LEAD YOU ON THE BEST PATH THROUGH SCOLDING.
YES.
IS THAT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD SAY TO YOUR MASTER?
GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH A JERK, LEO!

EE!
HUH?
OH,
ISN'T HE THE ONE MEETING US, LOT?
In that case, you should choose your words more carefully
JERK...

DIFLOT EIGIS-SAMA.

GREGORIO VALAUB-NIL-SAMA.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A LONG JOURNEY.

KEH
IT'S NOT US... YOU MEAN, RIGHT?
WITH YOUR ARRIVAL ...
"WE" ARE NOW COMPLETE.

THUNK
IS IN HERE, RIGHT?
WHAT YOU REALLY WANT

SURATCH
BUT, WELL...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT USE YOU COULD FIND FOR THIS OLD THING.

"GOD KILLER."

ALSO... I AM PERSONALLY THANKFUL THAT YOU BROUGHT YOUR COMPANION WITH YOU.
HEH.
THAT IS THE LAST PIECE WE NEED TO REVIVE OUR "KING," YOU SEE.

EUROPE'S OLDEST AND STRONGEST VARCOLACI...
BLOOD RELATIVES OF THE "NO LIFE KING."
YOU OVERESTIMATE US.
WE'RE JUST THE LIVING DEAD.
WE'VE CURRENTLY LOST OUR TERRITORY AND SUBJECTS
MERE REVENANTS WHO'VE BEEN CHASED HERE BY HUNTERS.
.....
WELL, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU MAY THINK NOW
WHEN WE SHOW YOU THE METHOD FOR TRANSCENDING DEATH, YOU WILL BECOME LIVING LEGENDS.
AND THE RESPECT YOU DESERVE.
WILL NEVER AGAIN DECREASE IN THE SLIGHTEST
. KEH!

IT HAS ONLY BEGUN TO SEE MISFORTUNE.
WE WILL RULE THIS WORLD.
NOW THEN,
LET US GET GOING.
ALLOW ME TO LEAD THE WAY.
HM?
LEO.
.....
Exit
THIS COUNTRY'S CULTURE IS LIKE A HOBBY OF MINE...
BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER THING.
YEAH?
ABOUT THE REASON I TOOK THIS JOB...
IF THE ERA OF PURIFYING THE SOUL IS BEING REPLACED..
UNSTOPPABLE "KING" THAT CAN DRIVE OUT A NATION AND STEAL AWAY ITS PROSPERITY...
THAT IMPLACABILITY WILL ONLY INCREASE..
.....
I'M REALLY INTERESTED WITH THIS "KING" OR WHATEVER.

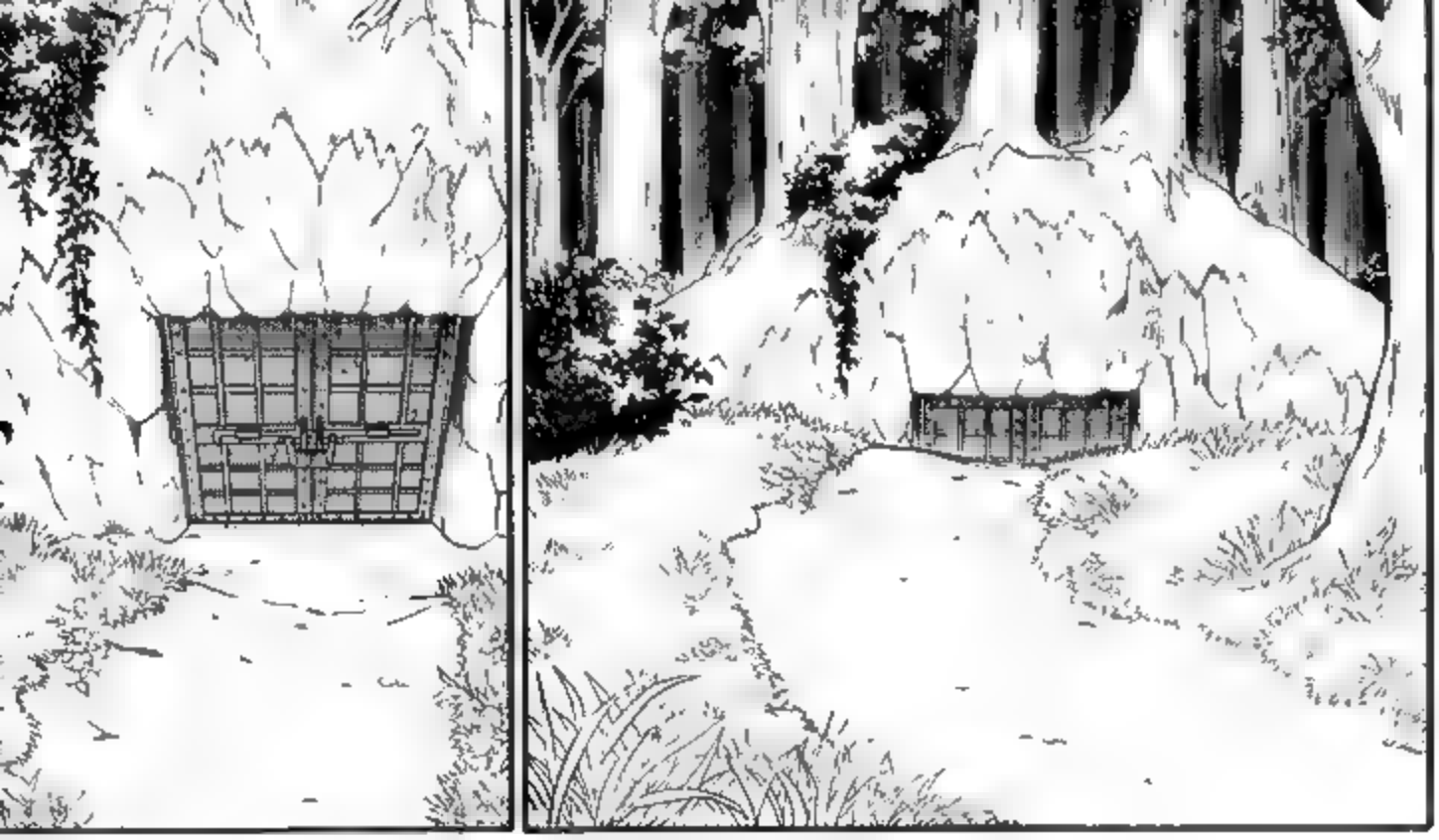
AND I THINK THAT'S AMAZING!
A BEING THAT CAN IMPOSE UPON THIS WORLD WITH A POWER BEYOND ALL OTHERS...!
A GOD... OR PERHAPS EVEN A DEVIL...
ANY EXISTENCE THAT SURPASSES HUMANITY SHOULD FASCINATE US. .
IF WE COULD FIND THE SOURCE OF THAT POWER...
OR PERHAPS JUST A METHOD TO REVIVE OUR KINGDOM...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GAIN A BIT MORE INFLUENCE.
SMIRK
YES.
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
NO BUSES
MY MASTER.

PLEASE WAIT, HIGH PRIEST...!
WAI-

UM... WELL...
FOR THE HIGH PRIEST HERSELF TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS... IS..

STORM
WHAT IS IT?
Yawn

I HAVE BUSINESS WITH HOSHIMURA-SAN, SO HERE I AM.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

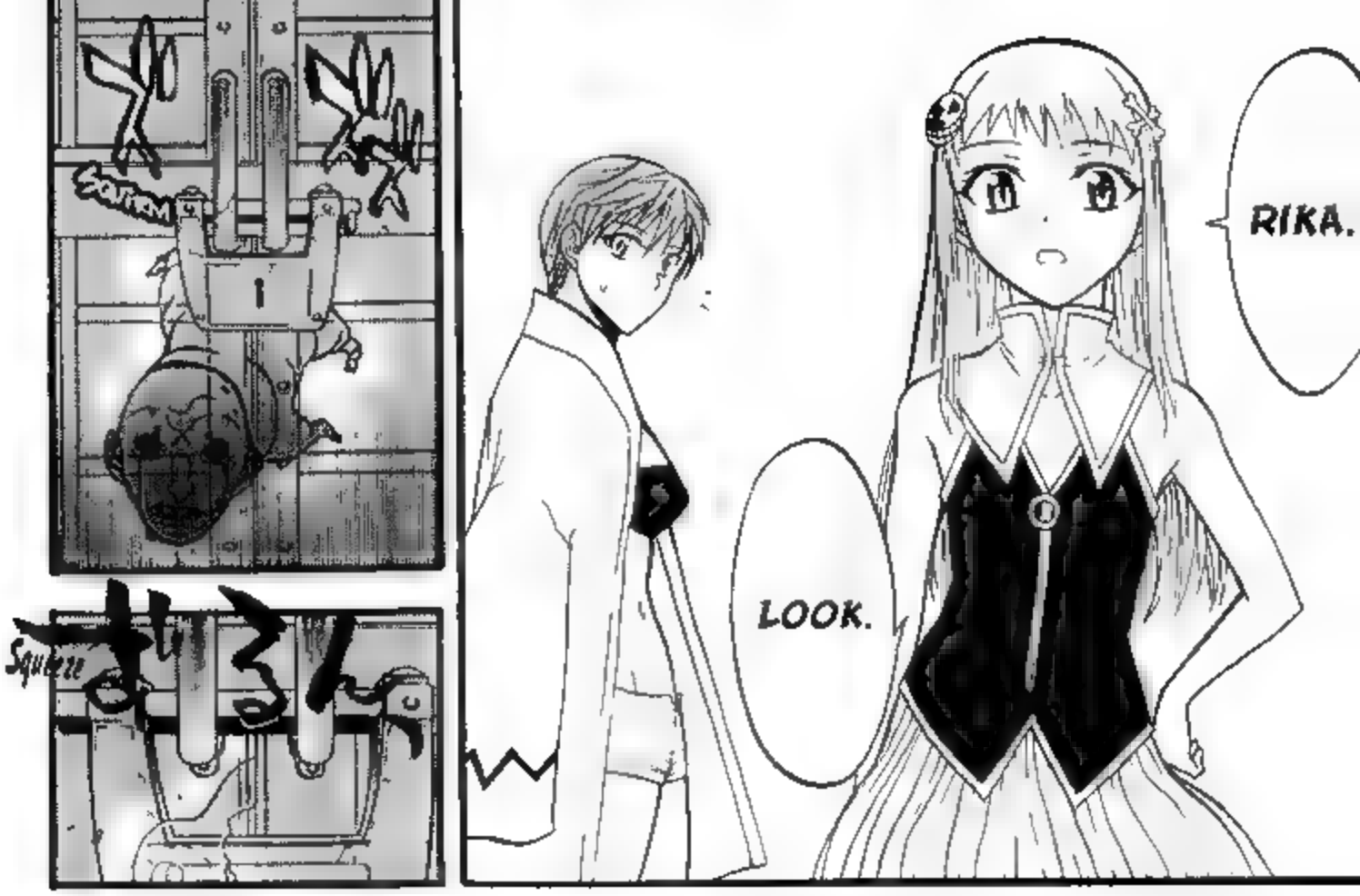


ISN'T THIS ROOM USED TO REMOVE CURSES FROM SHIKABANE HIME?
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IF YOU GO INTO THE CLEANSING ROOM RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN..
B-BUT.
UM. IT'S DANGEROUS..

NORMALLY, A SHIKABANE HIME THAT PERFORMS A CURSE HAS A 7 DAY LIMIT
BUT...
BUT IF YOU SEE HER NOW, HIGH PRIEST, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN...

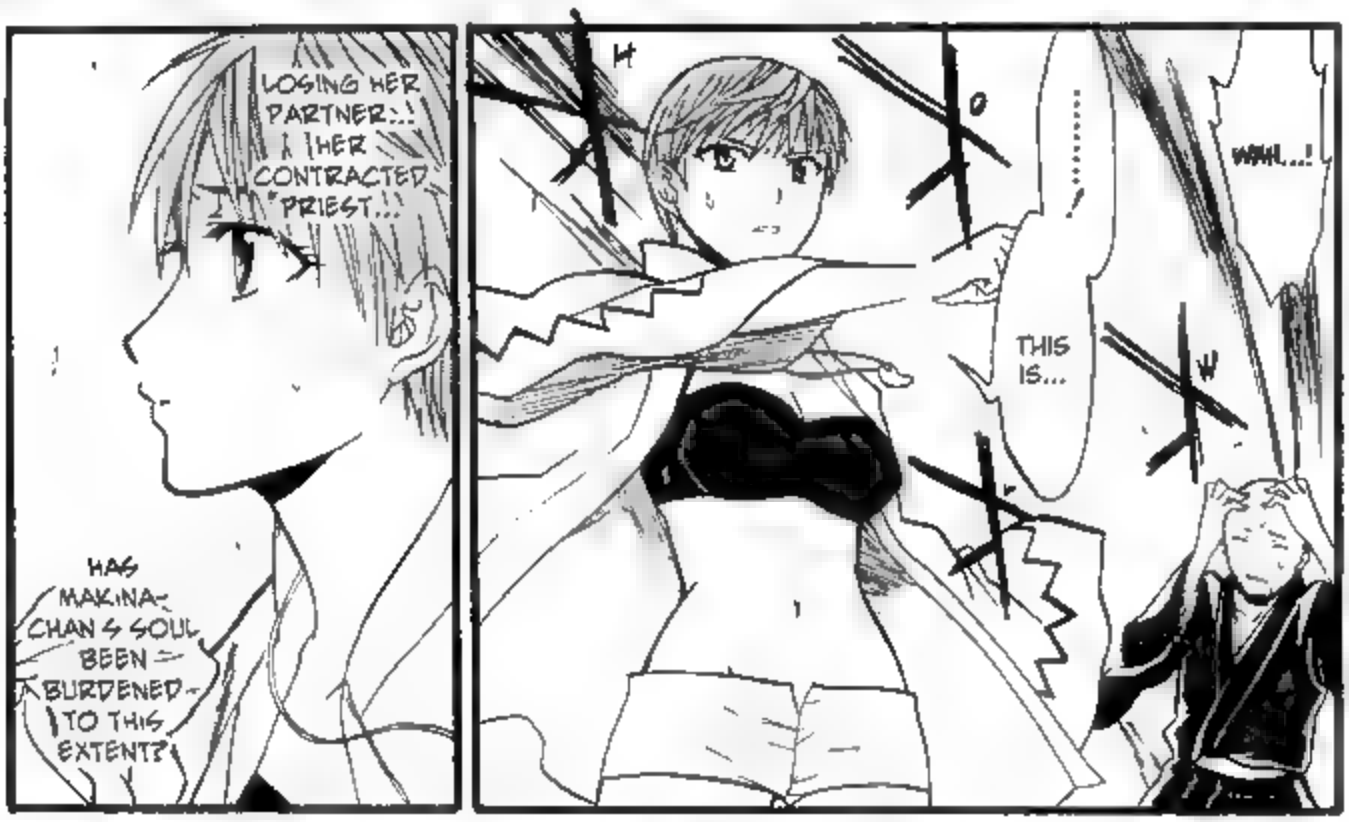
YES,
ER.. NO, BUT...
THAT SHIKABANE HIME WAS LEFT TIED TO THE PILLAR OF INK YESTERDAY,
BUT HER MIND AND BODY ARE STILL UNSTABLE... ANOTHER CURSE MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON HER AT SOME POINT


SQUEAK
Squeeze
RIKA.
LOOK.

IT CAN'T BE...! A GHOST COULDN'T POSSIBLY APPEAR... NOT THIS CLOSE TO THE CLEANSING ROOM!
THAT WAS... A GHOST ..!?
WHAT WAS THAT...?

AH!
SAKI!
WE CAN'T FIND OUT FROM OUT HERE.
LET'S GO IN AND SEE
WHAT ON EARTH
IS GOING ON IN THERE..?

!!
CRACK
GONG


LOSING HER PARTNER...! HER CONTRACTED PRIEST...!
HAS MAKINA-CHAN'S SOUL BEEN BURDENED TO THIS EXTENT?
H
O
W
.....!
THIS IS...
WAH...!

Slither
!!
.....
TH-THIS IS TERRIBLE...!
HIGH PRIEST! PLEASE GET BACK!

SKITTER
CREEP

RIKA-
SAN ..?
NO...

SO MANY GHOSTS
WEEE!!

SCRATCH

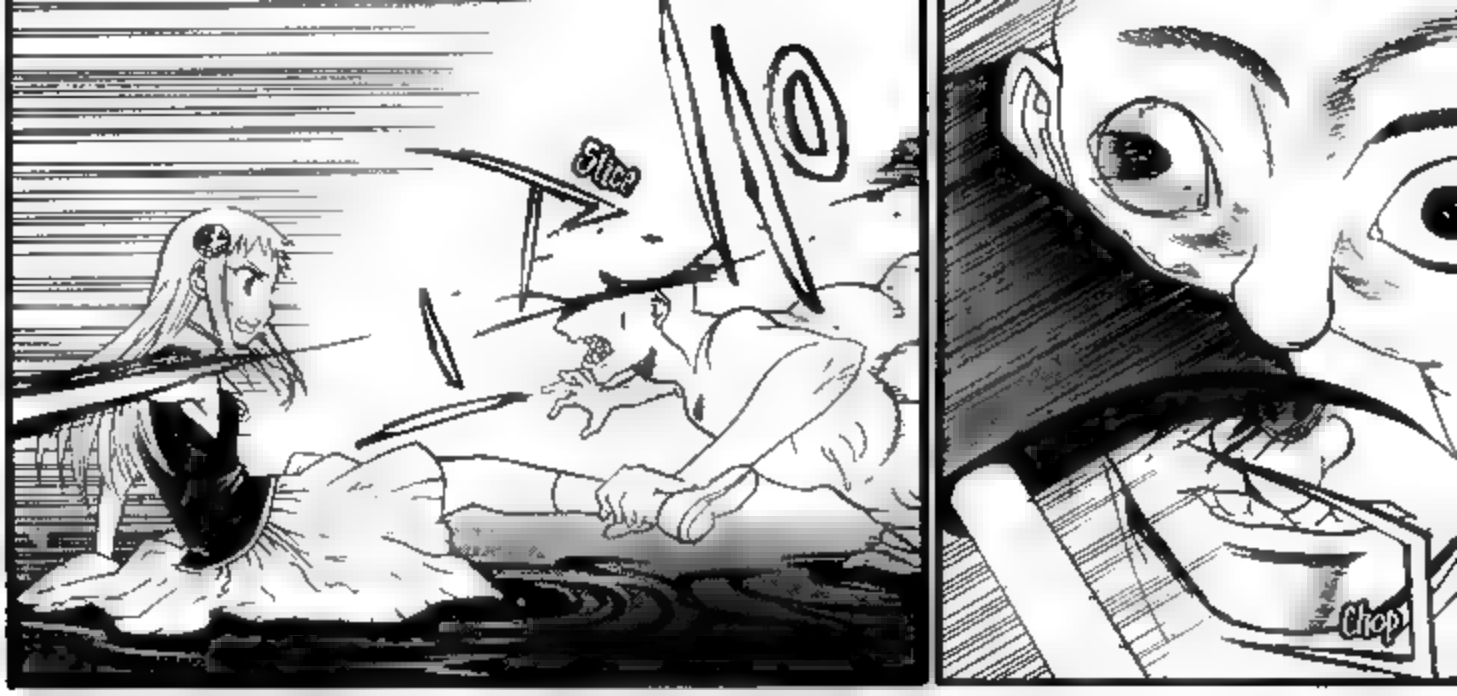
GOBBLE
STAY BACK
SLURP
NO..
SHE'S HELPLESS...? WHAT THE...?
MAKINA-CHAN...!
THAT HAZE!
THEY'RE EATING...?
GRAB
!!
GAPE
TO EAT THAT HAZE COMING FROM MAKINA-CHAN...?
ALL THESE GHOSTS HAVE GATHERED...

!!
SAKI!!
DASH
YEAH!
SPLASH
SPLASH
!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
THUD

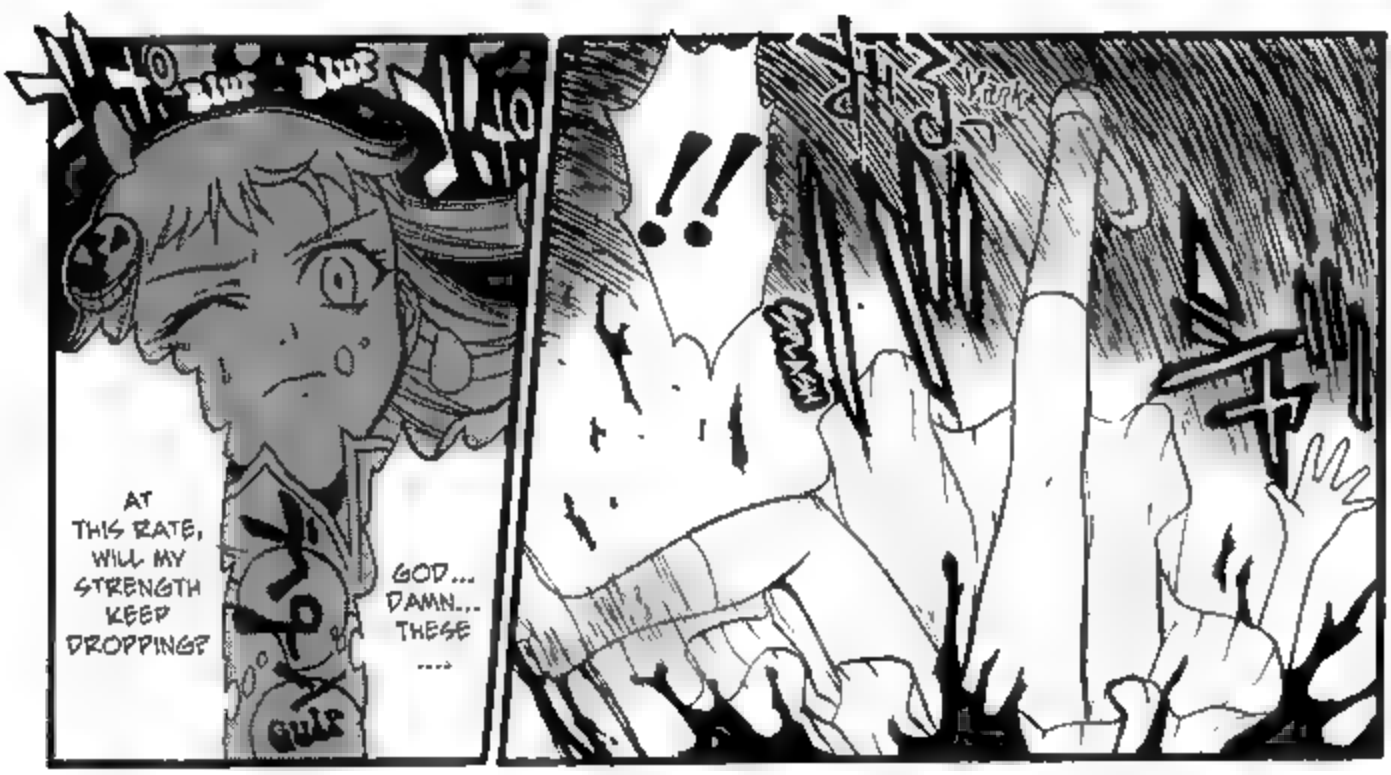
AN ATTACK?
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFECT PHYSICAL MATERIAL...
!
NO WAY...! GHOSTS ARE SPIRITS WITHOUT FLESH.. LIKE SHIKABANE WITH ONLY A SOUL...
SPLASH
!
.....
Bloop
THAT HAZE ...?
IS THAT WHAT'S GIVING THE GHOSTS MORE POWER?
I'VE HEARD THAT THIS INK PURIFIES US IN ORDER TO WEAKEN OUR POWER, BUT
IT'S A BIT
HARD TO DEAL WITH.
IT'S AS HEAVY AS LEAD, BUT IT'S STICKING LIKE TAR...
MY FEET ARE HEAVY ...

SLIDE
CREEP
HIGH PRIEST-SAMA! GET BACK!!
JUMP
SAKI!

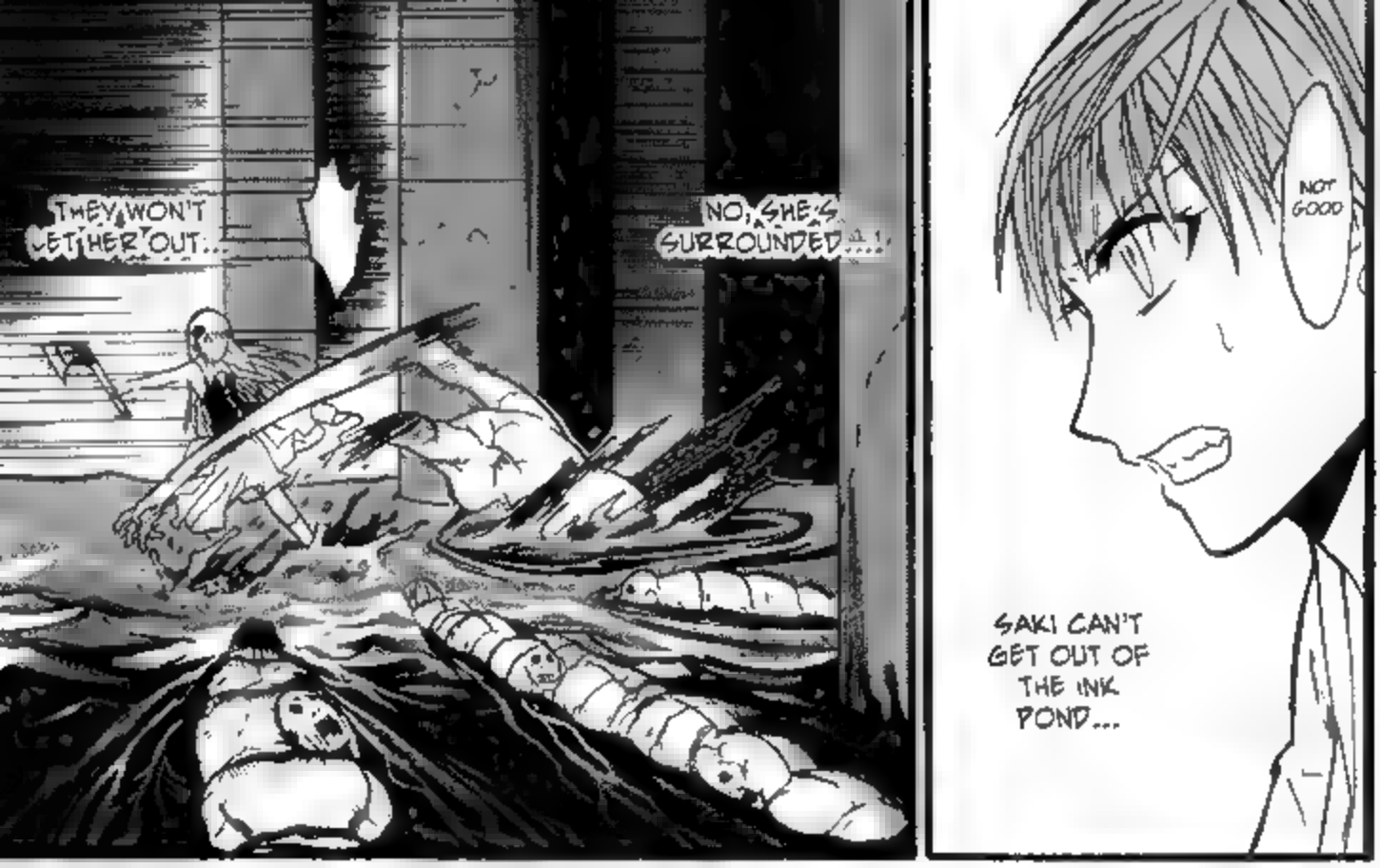
QUIVER
SPLISH
Splurt
!?
UH..
EH...?
Twish
Splatter
SLRCH
Ah
Ah
Ah
YANK
SPLOOSH
KYAAA!!
RAGH

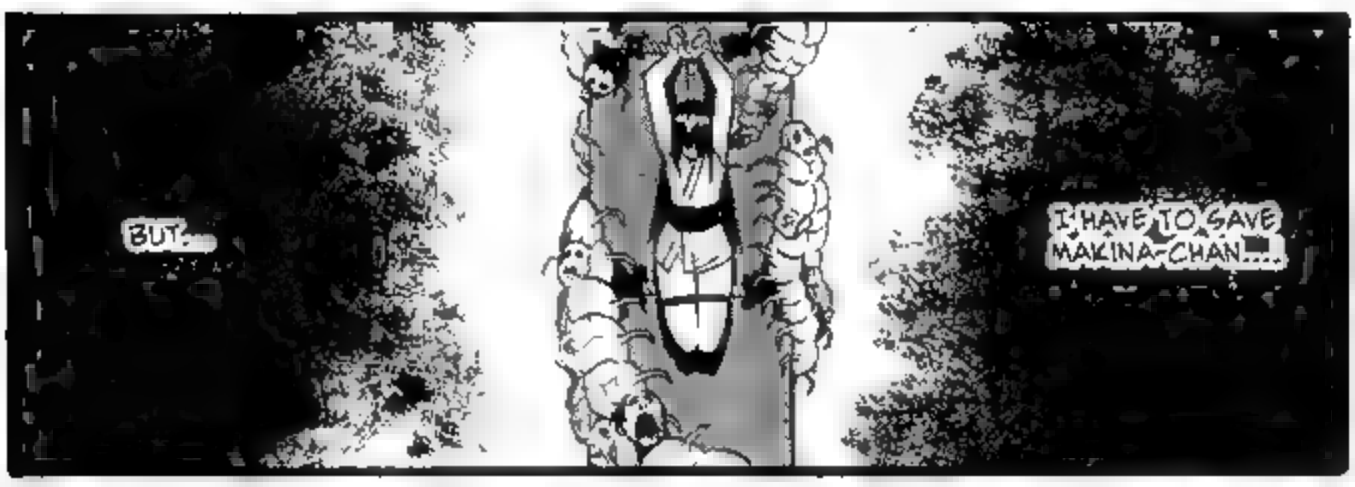

Slice
Chop!

HA
HA
Cough
.....
Gasp


Jiiii
Jiiii
AT THIS RATE, WILL MY STRENGTH KEEP DROPPING?
Gulp
GOD... DAMN... THESE ....
!!
Yank
Shaken

THWAM
Whack
.....!!
DAMNIT!


THEY WON'T LET HER OUT...
NO, SHE'S SURROUNDED...!
NOT GOOD
SAKI CAN'T GET OUT OF THE INK POND...


BUT...
I HAVE TO SAVE MAKINA-CHAN...

NO...
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE I'LL MAKE IT SAFELY...
GUOH

!?
W
HISH
I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO GO...!

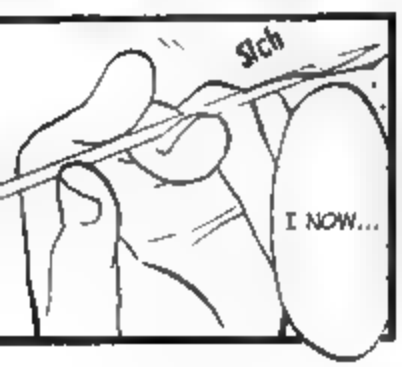
WHOOSH
!?
WAIT..
WHA ...?
ZOOM
IT'S DANGE-

Squeeze
WHAM
WHAM
Crue
Fwish
HOLY...!!
GLOP
PLOP
Whish

Ohh Aroriki
Sowaka
Poke
VOOSH

.....
EH..?
WHAT?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
HOOOOW!

.....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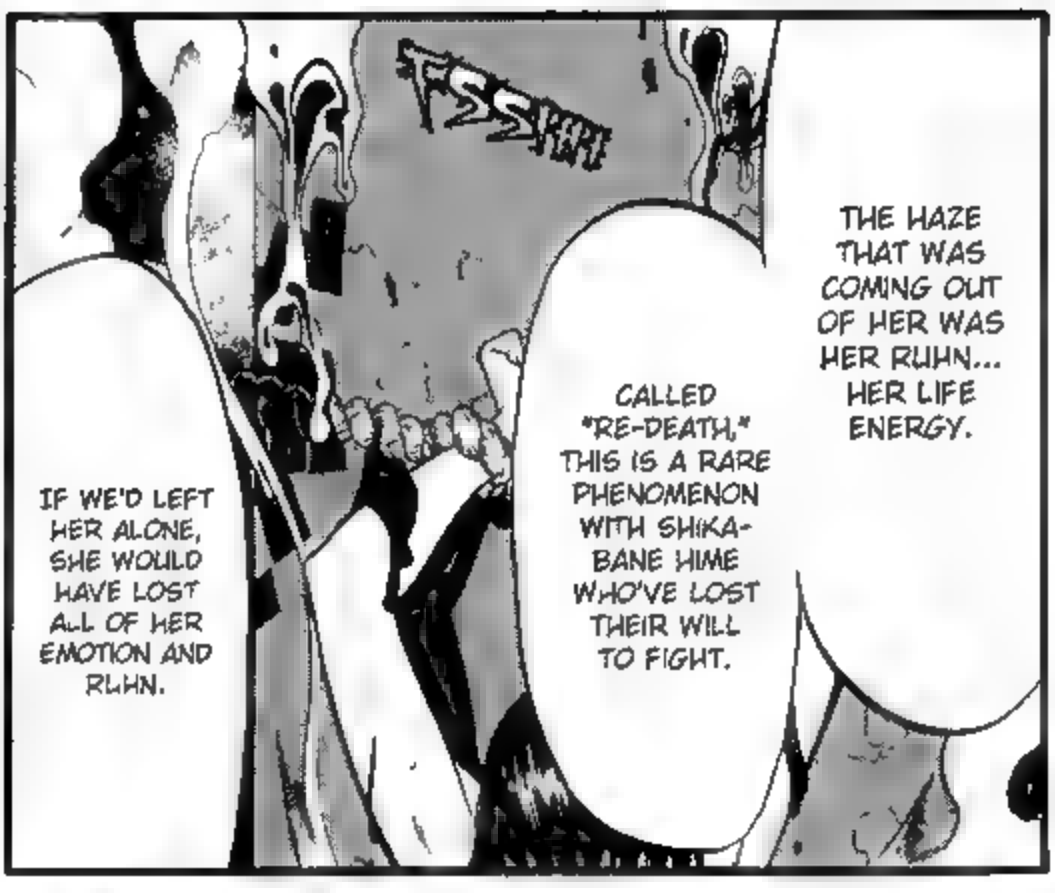
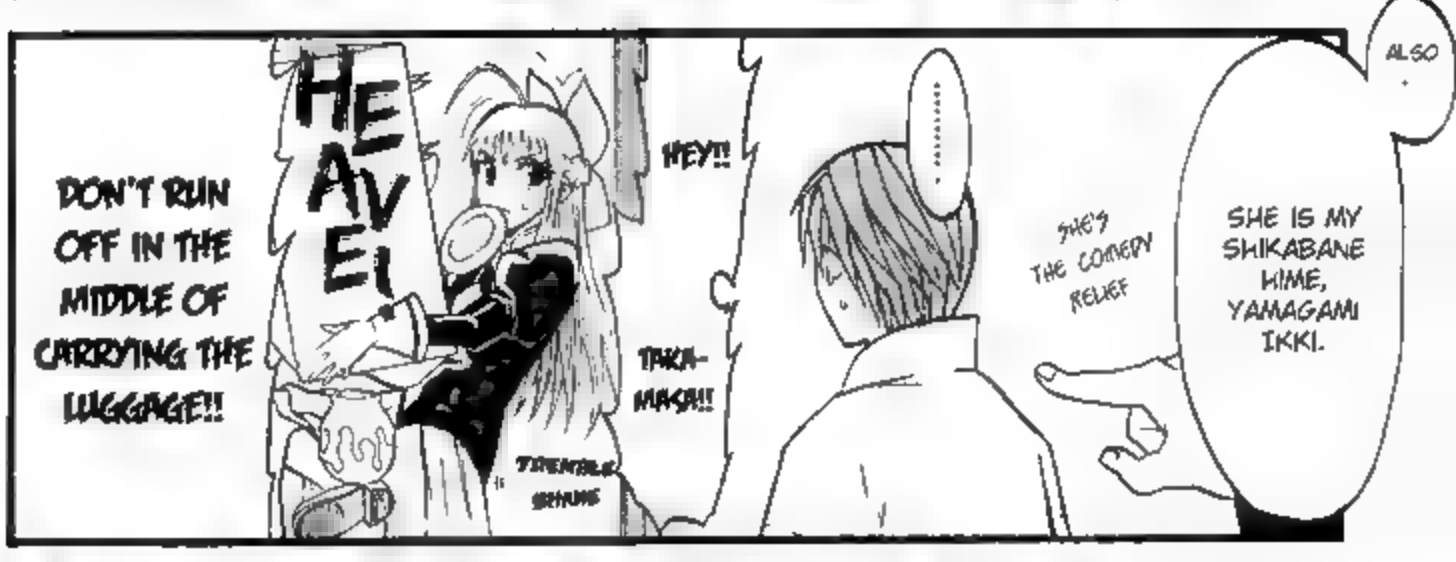
I NOW...


FSSHH
IF WE'D LEFT HER ALONE, SHE WOULD HAVE LOST ALL OF HER EMOTION AND RUHN.
CALLED "RE-DEATH," THIS IS A RARE PHENOMENON WITH SHIKA-BANE HIME WHO'VE LOST THEIR WILL TO FIGHT.
THE HAZE THAT WAS COMING OUT OF HER WAS HER RUHN... HER LIFE ENERGY.

THEN I FORCEFULLY RESTORED THE FLOW OF HER RUHN, WHICH STOPPED THE ENERGY DISCHARGE AND SCATTERED THE GHOSTS.
I BORROWED THE POWER OF THE AVALOKITESVARA BODHISATTVA, MY GUARDIAN BUDDHA.

MASTER TAGAMI'S...
TH-THUMP
I'M THE NEW VANGUARD ASSIGNED TO THE IKAI CITY AND YANATSU CITY DISTRICTS.
MY NAME IS SOUGI TAKAMASA.
OH.
PARDON ME, HIGH PRIEST ARAGAMI.
.....!
YOU'RE... HIGH PRIEST UME-HARA'S...

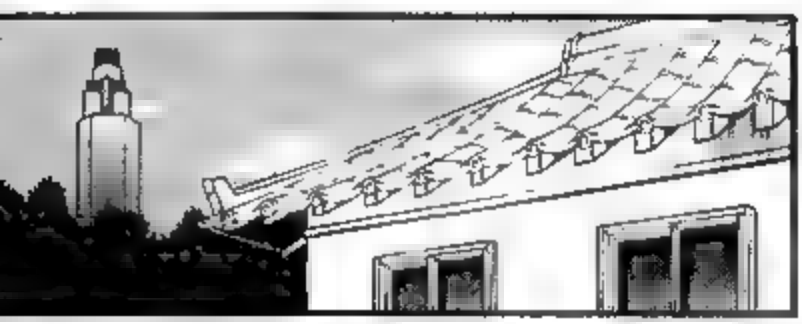

DON'T RUN OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF CARRYING THE LUGGAGE!!
HEAVEN
HEY!!
TAKA-MASA!!
TREMBLE SHUNG
.....
SHE'S THE COMEDY RELIEF
SHE IS MY SHIKABANE HIME, YAMAGAMI IKKI.
ALSO,

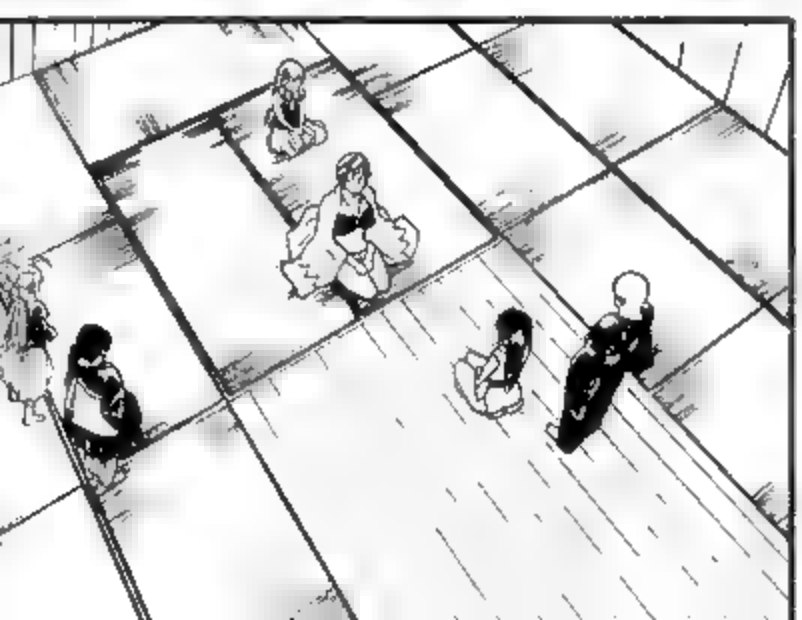
IF HE HADN'T COME, WE PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE SAVED MAKINA-CHAN...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE ACTUAL COMBAT EXPERIENCE I FALTERED, AND HE JUST JUMPED IN WITHOUT HESITATION...
ACTUALLY...
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU SAVED US.
MY BODY MOVED REFLEX-IVELY.
SORRY
PARDON ME FOR MY RUDENESS, HIGH PRIEST.

THAT IS THE PROOF OF A PERSON WITH IMMENSE DISCIPLINE...
HE'S NOT EVEN A NEARLY IMMORTAL SHIKABANE HIME, YET HE DISPLAYED ABSOLUTELY NO FEAR...
HE'S STRONG...

AH.
OH YEAH.
.....!
HUH? BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE, JUNIOR PRIEST?

STRING BEAT...!
HE IS...





I DROPPED BY TO VISIT HEAD-QUAR-TERS...
BUT I ALSO WANTED TO SPEAK WITH THE SHIKA-BANE HIME.

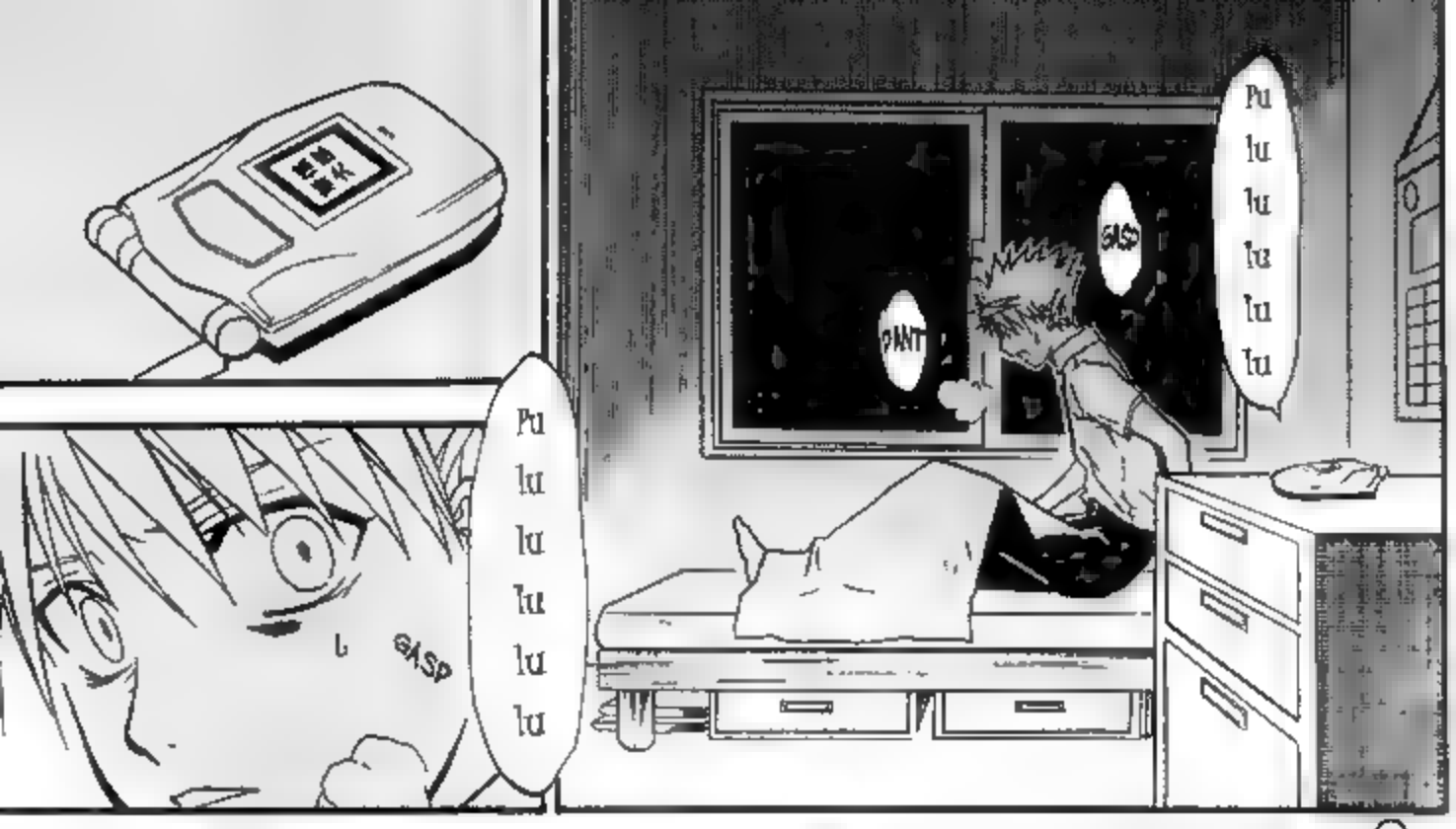
BUT SHE HAS SUCH LIFELESS EYES...
SHE WAS DISCHARGING HER RUHN...
Ruhnn-Sge
MAKINA-CHAN.
SET
.....
A ME-MENTO.
I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THEM.
I TOOK THESE.. AT HIS FUNERAL.
YES... I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
HIGH PRIEST.
IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE SHE IS READY FOR CONVERSATION YET
.....
.....
THANK YOU .. VERY MUCH.

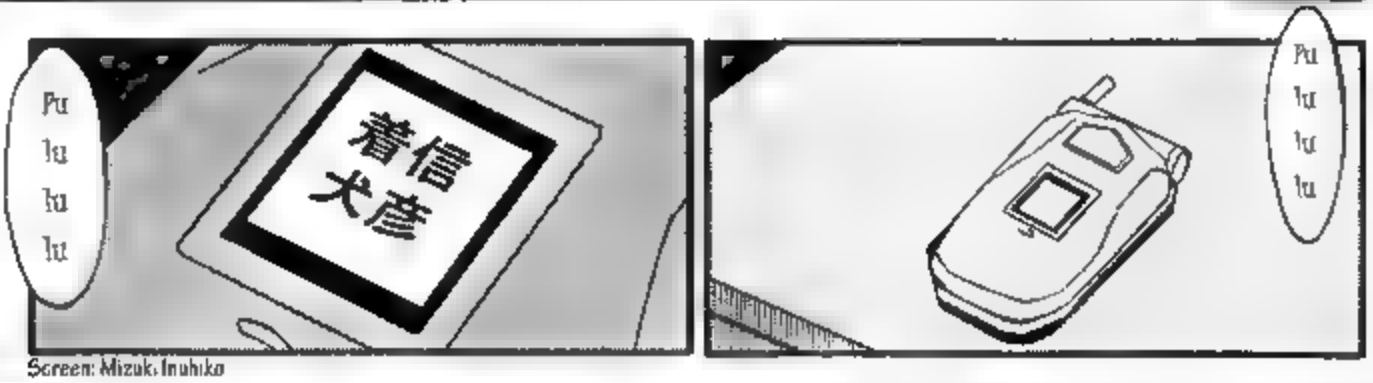
.....
I
I
.....
TOO BAD
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
.....
TAKA-MASA, ISN'T THAT A LITTLE..?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I HEARD
LET ME JUST ASK ONE THING.
I HAD THOUGHT THAT IT WAS ALWAYS THE SHIKABANE HIME'S FAULT, SO I WANTED TO CONFIRM FOR MYSELF IF HIS DEATH WAS POINTLESS.
WHEN A CONTRACTED PRIEST IS MARTYRED...
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS REFUSED..
I HEARD THAT HE WANTED TO CONTINUE TO BE A CONTRACTED PRIEST BECAUSE OF JUNIOR HIGH PRIEST TAGAMI'S DYING WISH.
THE BOY WHO RECEIVED THE CONTRACT...

YOUR CONTRACTED PRIEST FOUGHT
FOR THE THINGS HE HELD DEAR.
AT LEAST HE TRIED.
...DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP COWERING LIKE THIS?
AT THAT TIME..
I WILL WELCOME YOU.
IF...
YOU FEEL LIKE TAKING UP ARMS AGAIN, COME AND SEE ME.

PANT
I CAN HEAR...
GASP
PANT
A VOICE...
FROM SOMEWHERE...
A CAT'S VOICE...
PANT
PANT
!!
!!
MEOW~
DON'T GO...
Meow~
NO, ANIKI...
Meow
ANIKI!!
NO!!
DOI
GRAB
PLEASE WAIT! ANIKI!!
GASP
WAIT!

Blup
Blup
!?
EH?
...ME?
...UH...
FLOP
UAWAAAHH!!!
JERK





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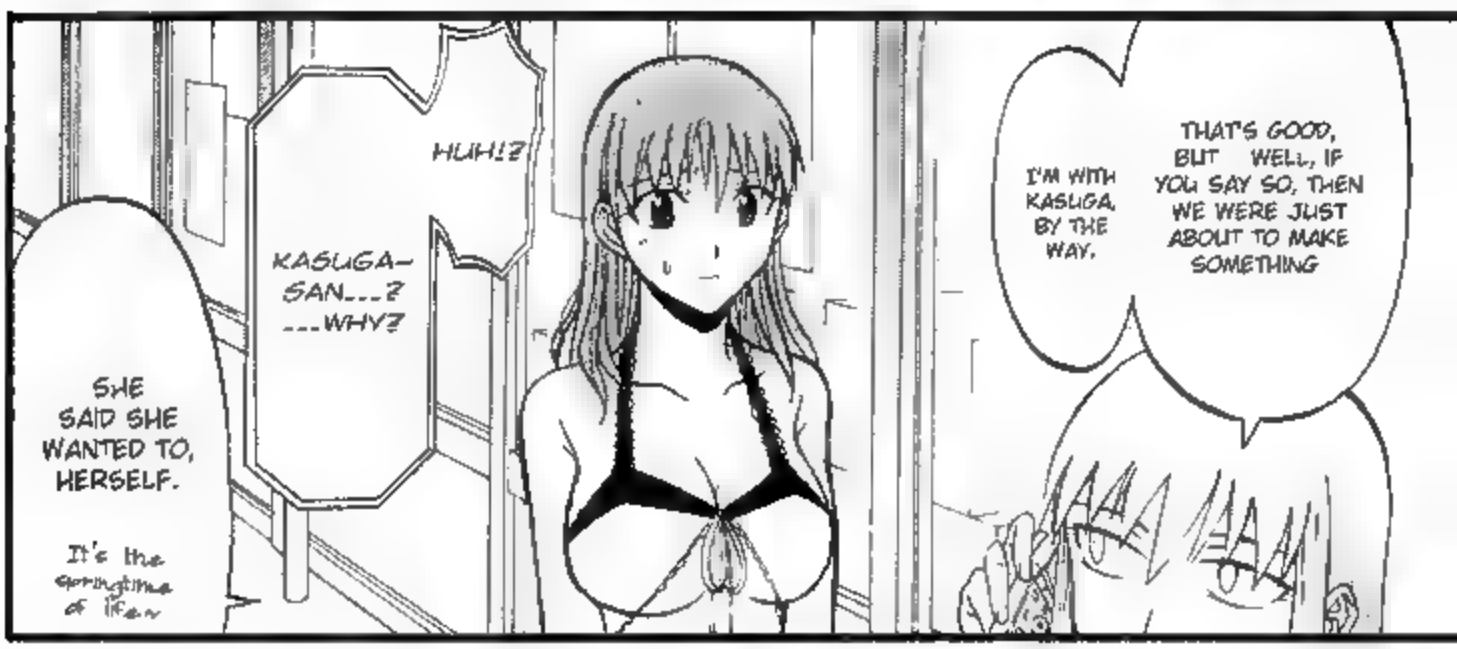
I'M NOT DEAD!
I'M FINE.
SO HOW ARE YOU?
IF YOU'RE NOT DEAD, I WAS WORRIED YOU WERE STARVING YOURSELF FROM DEPRESSION!
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BROTHER.
WAVE


HUH!?
KASUGA-SAN...?
...WHY?
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO, HERSELF.
It's the springtime of life.
I'M WITH KASUGA, BY THE WAY.
THAT'S GOOD, BUT WELL, IF YOU SAY SO, THEN WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO MAKE SOMETHING

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, WE'RE RIGHT BY THE SUPER-MARKET.
SO, WHERE SHOULD I MEET YOU?
.....
WE'LL BE THERE IN ONE MIN-
CRASH
Clatter

HM...?
NO WAY, OORI. EVEN IF KASUGA IS CUTE, YOU CAN'T JUST DO THAT KIND OF STUFF TO HER GIANT BOOBS.
JUMP
There's things you can and can't do, you know?
DON'T MAKE UP STUFF THAT'S GONNA GET ME IN TROUBLE!!
I never said that!!

Screen: Cat from Ooni

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ESTABLISHED!!!

URO'S MEMORY KINGDOM CHAMPIONSHIP!!
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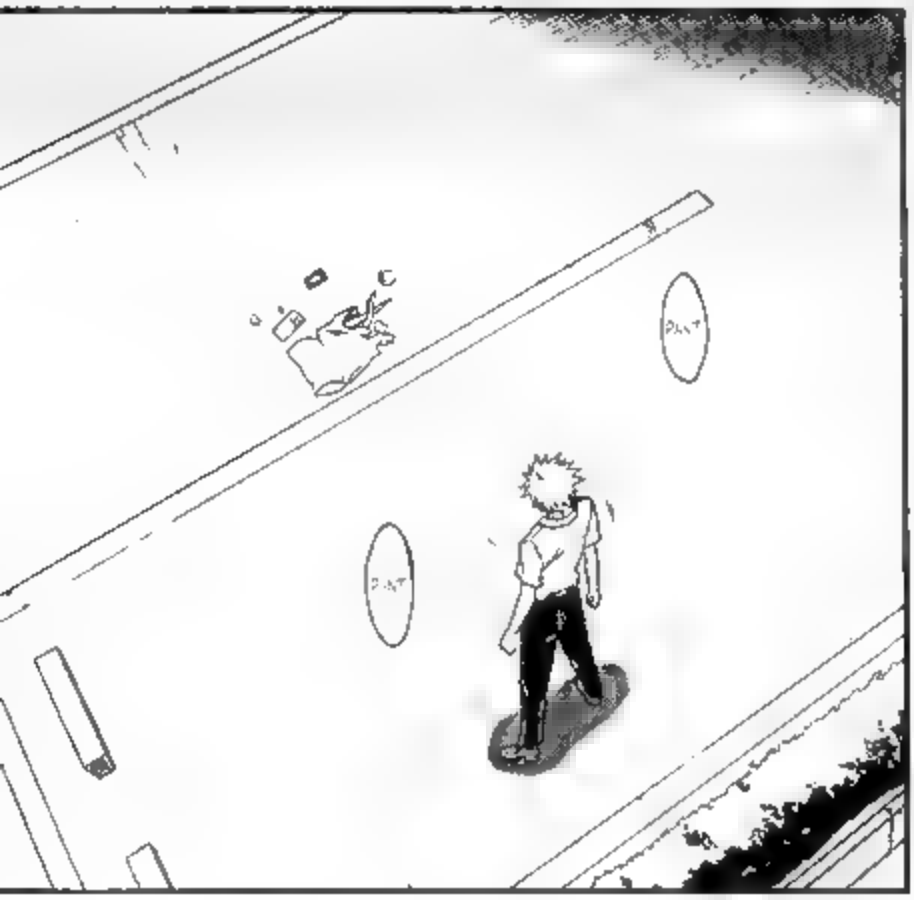
DONE BY MY ASSISTANTS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SQUEAK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PANT
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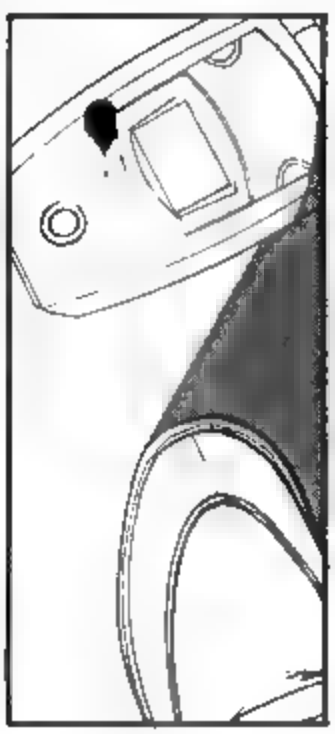
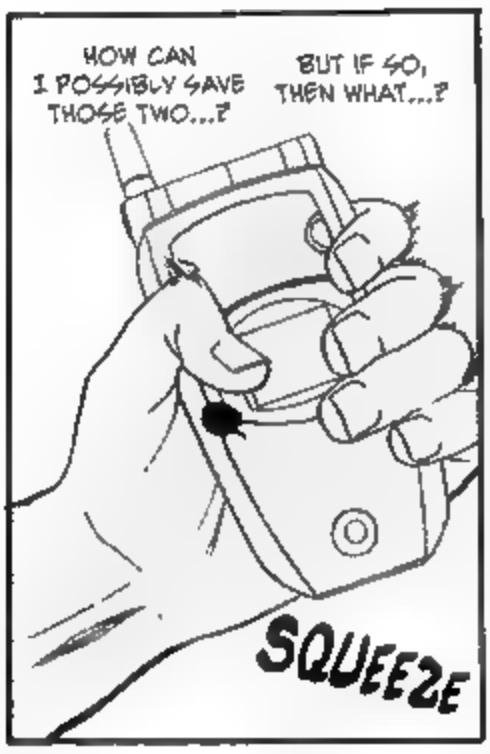
MY BAD FEELING WAS RIGHT ON THE NOSE..!?
IN UHIKO'S CELL
SHIT.




HOW CAN I POSSIBLY SAVE THOSE TWO...?
BUT IF SO, THEN WHAT...?
SQUEEZE

A SHIKABANE...!!

IT PROBABLY WASN'T A PERSON...
HOW COULD THEY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED IN THE MIDDLE OF A PHONE CALL AND NOT SCREAM AT ALL?!

NEVER ASKED FOR HIS PHONE NUMBER.
.....
GEH-

IF I JUST CALL SHIRAE-SAN.
CLICK
OH, RIGHT THE PHONE!

Me-ow

WAIT... WOULD HE EVEN HAVE TOLD ME...?
I NEVER ASKED WHEN WE MET BEFORE, AND NOW...
IT SEEMED LIKE HE REALLY DIDN'T LIKE ME...
DEFEATED

Meow

IT'S THIS CAT AGAIN...

A CAT:::

WHAT THE HECK IS UP WITH YOU. ?

Mew

YOU..

Meow

WHAT?

DO YOU WANT ME TO... FOLLOW YOU?

TURN

ARE YOU SURE, TAKA-MASA, THAT IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO LET HER OUT OF THE CLEANSING ROOM...?

.....

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

I

IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAS HAP-PENED OVER THERE.

THE UPDATES FROM SHIRAE, WHO'S LOOKING FOR THE ENEMY, HAVE STOPPED.

IT'S A BIT SUDDEN FOR HER...

BUT WE NEED HER COMBAT STRENGTH RIGHT NOW.

I THINK THAT

HER TRUE FEELINGS WILL ONLY COME OUT IN BATTLE..

?

.....

ALSO..

AS I PILE UP KILLS,
I WILL REACH HEAVEN.

BATTLE...
MY BATTLE...

HEAVEN...?

WHERE...

IS THAT...?

CORPSE 18: AWAKENINGS (PART 1)

診療科
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AN ABAN-DONED HOSPI-TAL?
PANT

SH-SHIT.
GASP
THANK GOD. MY STAMINA... WAS ABOUT TO RUN OUT.
WHEEZE WHEEZE
GASP
I need to run uphill for 5km

Jog
PANT
PANT

!?
!!
SWISH

GROAN

.....

ARE HERE...?

THOSE TWO..

THE CAT'S GONE.

WHICH MEANS...

IF THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE.. I HAVE TO GO ON...

IF SO...

CREAK

AS THAT NIGHT

MY HAIR IS STANDING UP. THIS FEELING... IS THE SAME

Click

GULP

THIS IS AN ABANDONED HOSPITAL AFTER ALL, SO OF COURSE IT WOULD HAVE SUCH A HEAVY ATMOSPHERE

THIS WEIRD FEELING...

CREAK

CRUNCH

I JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...

!

DAMMIT DON'T BE SCARED OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

OUCH

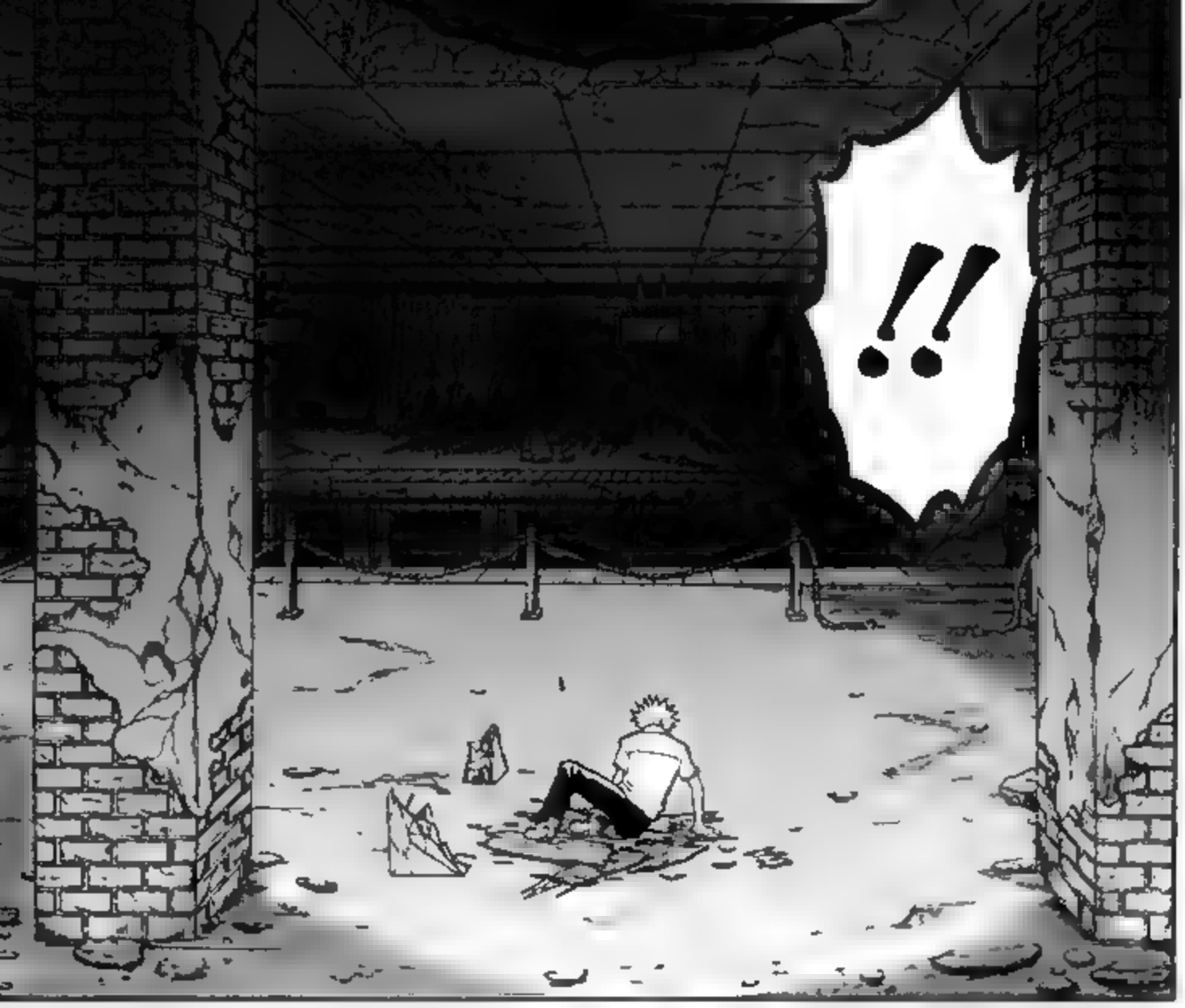
TUMBLE

CRASH

RIGHT WHEN I SAID THA-AAT!

AAAH!!

...HUH?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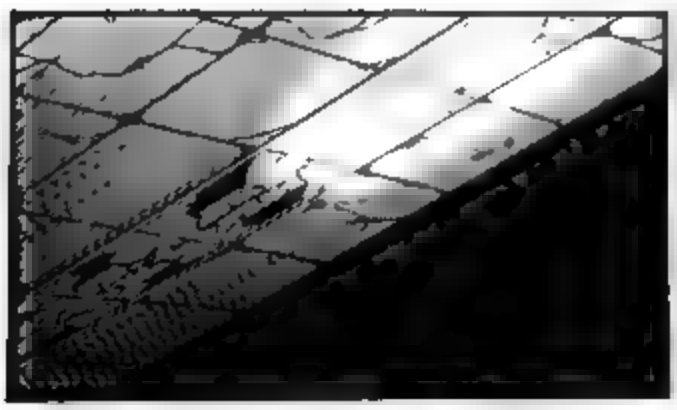

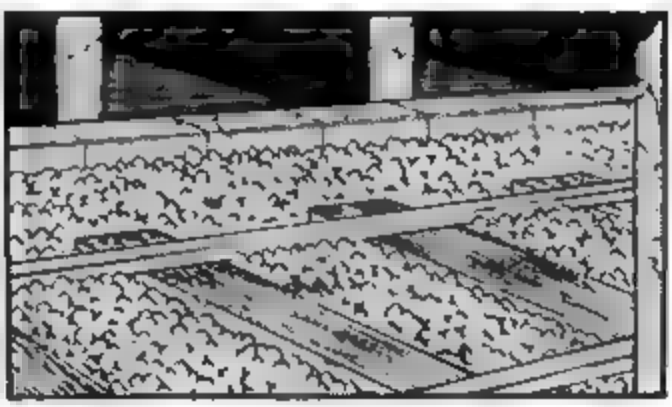

THAT RUNS UNDER THE CITY...
TO THINK THERE'S A TRACK...

A SEWER? NO.
AN UNDER-GROUND... SUBWAY?
WHAT THE...?
WHERE...?

SCRUNCH

WHERE'D THAT FLASH-LIGHT GO...?

DAMN... IT'S SO DARK...

NO. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO...

U

SOFT...

I JUST STEPPED IN SOME-THING...

WHAT THE...?

EH?

.....

UGH...!

CORPSES...!!

UGH. NG

A MOUNTAIN... OF CORPSES!!

YOU CAME HERE FOR THOSE TWO, DIDN'T YOU...!?

GET A GRIP...!! DON'T GET ANY WEIRD IDEAS...!

SHIT...

.....

WHAT is IS... HEAVEN?

HEY KEISE....

HM...

I SUPPOSE SO, BUT..

ALL THE OTHER SHIKABANE HIME ARE FIGHTING TO GET TO HEAVEN, RIGHT?

YEAH, ALTHOUGH I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT IT

HEAVEN?

WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, IT SOUNDS REALLY VULGAR.

HMMM.

SO YOU CAN ALWAYS EAT AND DRINK AS MUCH AS YOU WANT ?

HEAVEN'S A PARADISE WITH THE SCENT OF A MILLION FLOWERS WITH NO HUNGER OR STRIFE, OR SO I'VE HEARD.

IF YOU WANT THE USUAL IDEA OF HEAVEN...

Chew

Chew

WHEN YOU REACH ENLIGHTENMENT, YOU GAIN THE MIND OF GOD.

IT'S A WORLD WITH NEITHER NO PAIN NOR SORROW, JUST TRUTH AND UNITY...

SUPPOS-EDLY...

WELL

THAT'S NOT REALLY THE POINT OF HEAVEN.

FOR BUDDHISM, THE TRUE HEAVEN IS CALLED THE "PURE LAND."

WELL, I KINDA SUMMARIZED IT.

BUT I GUESS MY EXPLANATION WAS A BIT LACKING...

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S A WORLD WHERE ALL YOUR WORRIES DISAPPEAR?

WHAT'S UP WITH THE "SUPPOSEDLY" PART?

ISN'T THAT KINDA SAD?

EVEN IF YOU GAIN ENLIGHTEN-MENT,

YOU'D HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND GRIEVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM YOUR EARTHLY LIFE.

I GUESS SO.

SHE'S PRETTY QUIET

MM.

YEAH.

.....

SHE'S PROBABLY... STILL SEARCHING FOR A REASON...

BUT SHE MOST LIKELY LOST THAT REASON ALONG WITH HER CONTRACTED PRIEST PARTNER...

SHIKABANE HIME GET THEIR BATTLE POWER FROM THEIR ATTACHMENTS AND CONVICTIONS...

SO SHE NEEDS A NEW REASON.

THAT POWER IS WHAT ALLOWS THEM TO LIVE.

A REASON?

A REASON TO FIGHT OR PERHAPS A REASON TO LIVE

SHE'S LIKE THAT...

SO NOW

I'M SURE THAT... HER REASON TO FIGHT WAS TO BE WITH HER CONTRACTED PRIEST!...

A REASON... I SEE...! I CAN SORT OF UNDERSTAND...

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S SOMETHING SHE CAN GET JUST FROM US TALKING ABOUT IT

IN ORDER TO PUT A GUN IN HER HAND AGAIN...

SHE'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A NEW CONVICTION.

YEAH.

IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING SHE FINDS FOR HERSELF, ITSUKI.

SHE'S ALL ALONE.

GET READY TO...

RIGHT, WELL.. WE SHOULD BE ARRIVING SOON.

FLASH
!!
WHAM
SPLAT
BOOOM

.....

NG .

.....

GOOD-NESS..

WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU THINK-ING...?

BE QUIET

!

MY TWO FRIENDS. THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY A SHIKABANE

BUT, . UM...

SO I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THEM..

SORRY..

I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO HEAR WHAT AN OUTSIDER IS DOING SNOOPING AROUND... RIGHT, KAGAMI OORI-KUN?

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT DOWN HERE...

EH?

UNFOR-TUNATE

BY A SHIKA-BANE?

. HOW VERY...

YOUR FRIENDS ARE MOST LIKELY ALREADY DEAD...

THE CHANCE THAT THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN KILLED BY THE SHIKABANE IS QUITE HIGH.

...BUT CURRENTLY, THIS PLACE IS A STAGING GROUND FOR THE UNCLEAN BUNCH.

PLACES LIKE THIS ARE ATTRACTIVE TO SHIKA-BANE AND OFTEN BECOME "HOLY GROUND" THAT GRANTS THEM MORE POWER.

.....

THIS SUBWAY SYSTEM MAY ONCE HAVE BEEN A BOMB SHELTER. . BUT IT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY USED FOR DISPOSAL PURPOSES.

ぴくっ!

!!

Point

YOUR FRIENDS HAVE MOST LIKELY ALREADY MET THAT FATE

.....

AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THEY ARE PROBABLY USING THIS SUBWAY SYSTEM AS CONVENIENT HOLY GROUNDS IN ORDER TO ATTACK PEOPLE AND SPILL THEIR BLOOD.

IT IS CURRENTLY THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION OF SHIKABANE IN MODERN JAPAN.

UNCLEAN BUNCH...?

THAT IS WHY..

IN ORDER TO LIMIT MORE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

WE HAVE TO REFLECT ON THOSE DEATHS.

.....

NO... SIR.

IT'S STILL... NOT CERTAIN WHETHER KASUGA-SAN AND INUHIKO HAVE BEEN KILLED...

AND SO... I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE UP YET.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF IT!!

THE BITTER TASTE OF LOSING THOSE IMPORTANT TO ME RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES...

Clunk

I SUPPOSE IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

.....

AH..

THANK YOU...

UM.

GRAB

IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH FROM HERE ON...

YOU'LL MOVE WITH US THEN GET OUT OF HERE ONCE WE DISCOVER WHAT BECAME OF YOUR FRIENDS.

YOU'RE NOT A PRIEST OF THE LIGHT ASSERTION SECT

BUT I CAN'T HAVE A SHIKABANE HIME'S CONTRACTOR JUST DYING USELESSLY, YOU SEE.

UH...

!

WHAT IS IT?

PRIEST HAMAGUCHI...?

SHLURGH

SHLUF

!?

GLUH...

BOOM

!!

Buzz

BUGS!?

A SHIKA-BANE!?

Rustle

WHOOSH

URK...

UWA ...!

RUSTLE

SHIVER

KLANG

WHY YOU...

!?

DON'T SHOOT!!

!?

SMACK

SPURT

GR... AH...

GYAH!!

POP

POP

THWAM

BUGS HAD ALREADY GOTTEN INTO THE MUZZLE...!?

A MISFIRE...!

Rustle

Grab

PRIEST HASH-INUMA!!

UNG

piling on

UH... AH...

WAAAH!

.....!

THUD

SUCK

SLURP

Koo...

SUCK

Ah.

Ah.

DRAIN

RIP

SLONK

CRUNCH

SLRCH

WHOOSH

ALL THESE BUGS ARE MOST LIKELY...!!!

IT'S A SHIKA-BANE!!

RETREAT, PRIEST HARAKIRI!

UH... AH...

CRNCH.

You're right...

but

Whether you figured it out or not...

AH

RUSTLE

Kuku...

You've done your homework.

!?

THIS IS... A SHIKABANE!?

THESE BUGS.

YOU WERE DEAD THE MOMENT YOU INTRUDED HERE.

YOU'RE ALL GONNA DIE.

WHOOSH

IT CAN'T BE...

"SEVEN STARS?"

HE HAS THE MARK OF THE BIG DIPPER...!? IS THIS...?

while I'm killing you.

Well.,

since I'm going though all the trouble, I hope you'll all scream for me...

IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...!!

HAZAMA, THE FIRST STAR.

I'M THE LEADER OF THE SEVEN STARS.

Heh.

Right again.

Now then...

LET'S GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER, 'KAY?

LIGHT ASSER-TION SECT.

Rustle

ROOOOAR

Are they dead...?

SPLOTCH

WHOOSH

Auku

KI-WHUD

!

!

I SEE ..

SIGH

SO THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T GET IN CONTACT.

THERE WAS A DEMON IN THE WAY.

What a waste of time.

A bow, huh?

SMIRK

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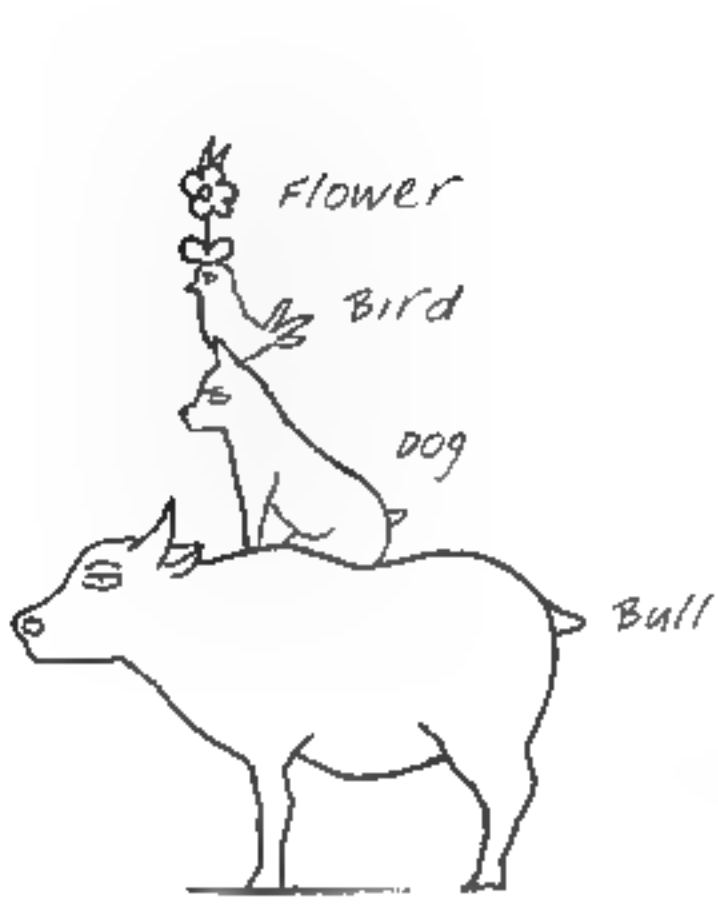
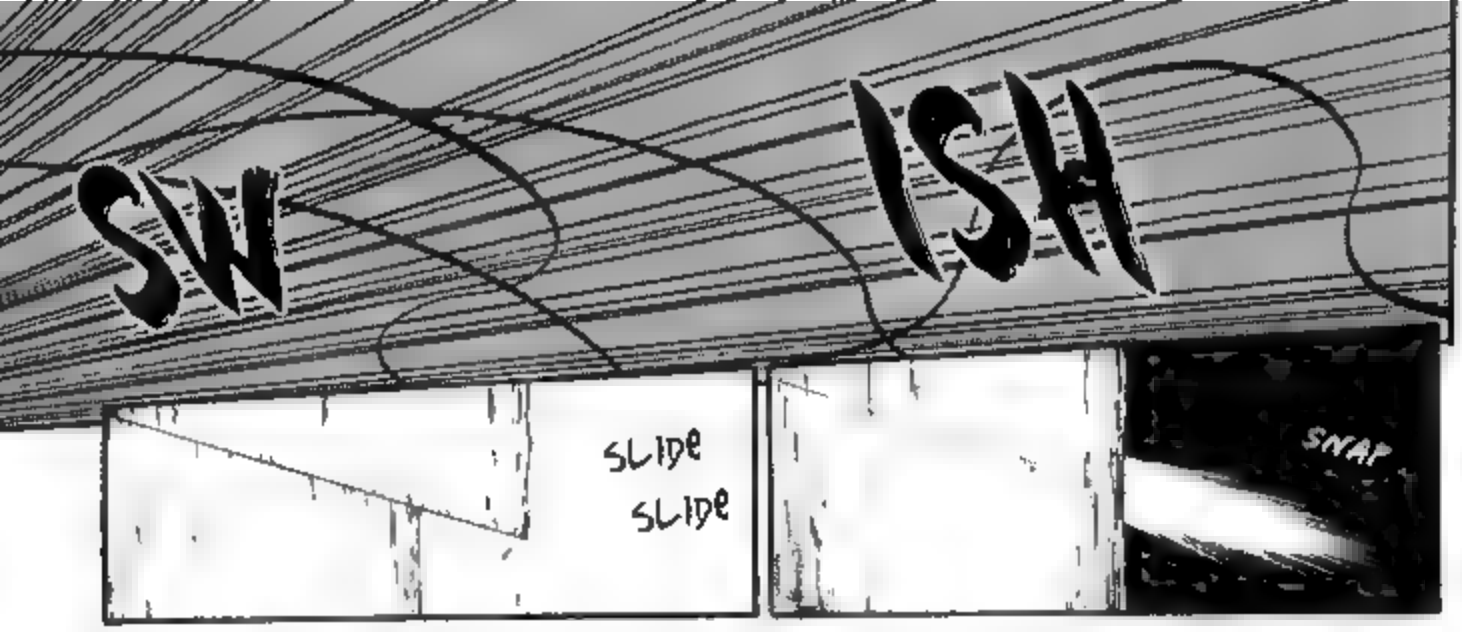
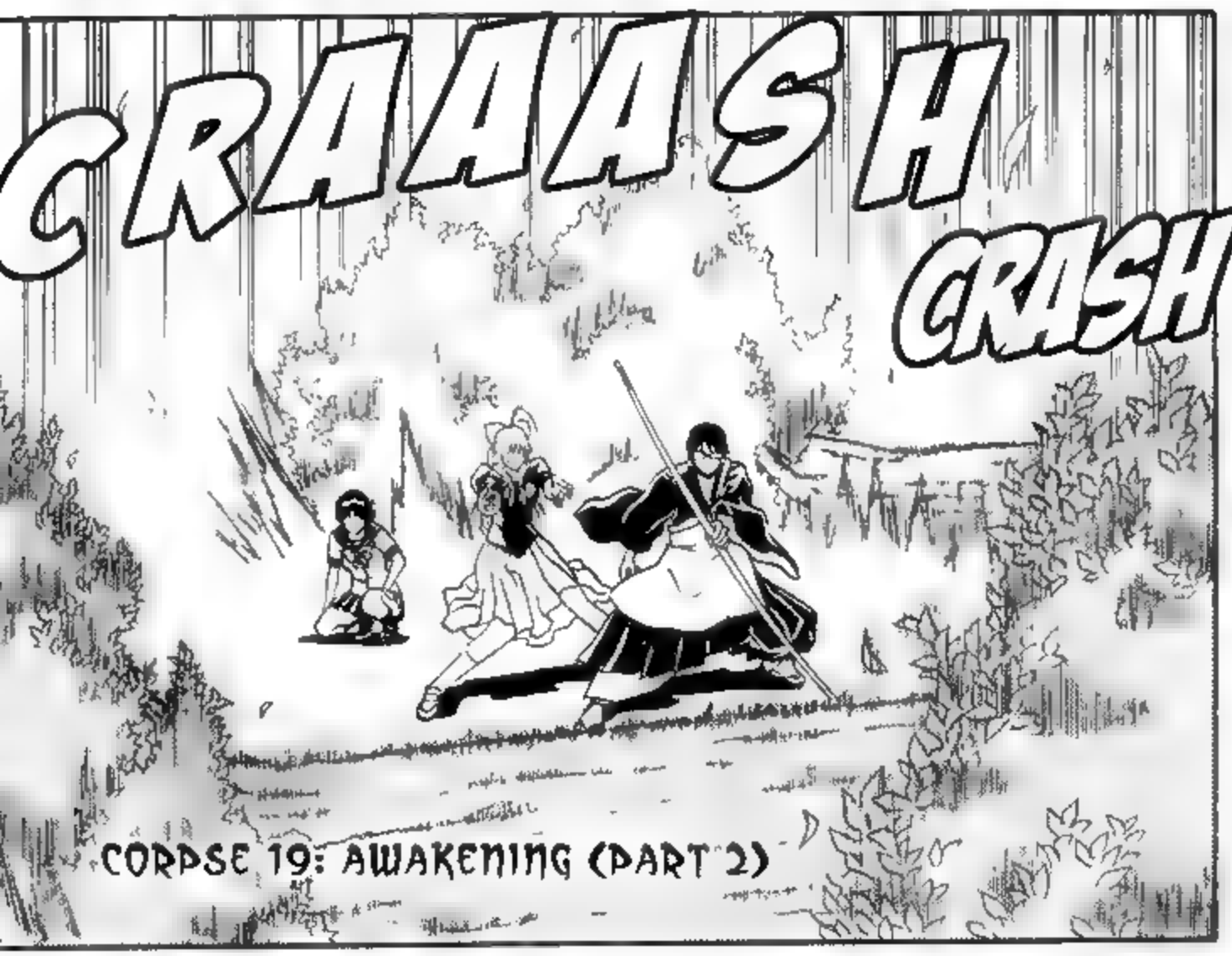






CORPSE 19: AWAKENING (PART 2)

OF ALL THE SHIKABANE I'VE FOUGHT SO FAR HE'S SURELY ONE OF THE STRONGEST...
A BLOOD CURSE... ONE WITH ENOUGH POWER TO CUT DOWN A TREE...
HE'S STRONG...
.....

CORPSE 19:
AWAKENING
(PART 2)

I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU GO RESCUE SHIRAE AND THE OTHERS ON YOUR OWN?
THE TWO OF US...
WILL KEEP THAT MONSTER BUSY

HOSHI-MURA-SAN.
YES?

HE MUST BE ONE OF THE UNCLEAN BUNCH'S HIGHER-UPS...
EVEN IF ALL THREE OF US WERE TO FIGHT HIM TOGETHER, OUR CHANCES OF WINNING WOULD BE 40% AT BEST...
THAT SHIKABANE... MY PRAYER BEAD BULLET ARROWS HAD NO EFFECT ON HIM.

WE...
DO NOT WISH FOR DEATH ...
BUT WE DO NOT FEAR IT, EITHER.

WELL ...
GRIP
THE ODDS AREN'T IN OUR FAVOR FOR THIS PLAN, EITHER...

BUT, JUNIOR PRIEST...
IT'S ALL RIGHT
IF WE FORGET ABOUT WINNING AND CONCENTRATE ON DEFENSE, WE CAN BUY ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU TO ESCAPE WITH SHIRAE AND THE OTHERS

YES ...
SHIKA-BANE HIME,
HOSHI-MURA MAKINA.
YOU RE-MEMBER, DON'T YOU?

SPLURT
Hmph
You done fartin out your prayers to Buddha?
Then
STEP
LET US PREPARE OUR-SELVES.
BOTH STAYING HERE OR GOING ON CAN BE VIEWED AS A SACRED SERVICE.
RIGHT.
!!
SWOOSHOOSH
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
DIE!!
VOOM
WOOSH

PING
PING
PING
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
HAH!?
THAT OTHER SHIKABANE HIME BRAT JUST GONNA WATCH?
DASH
PING
HAH!
WORTH-LESS?! THAT ALL YOU GOT!?
HAH!
SWOOSH
FROM ABOVE... HAH..!

!?
GEH!
THWOK

THESE GUYS...

WHAM
ZOOM

You goin' easy on me?
What an insult
click
Damn brat..

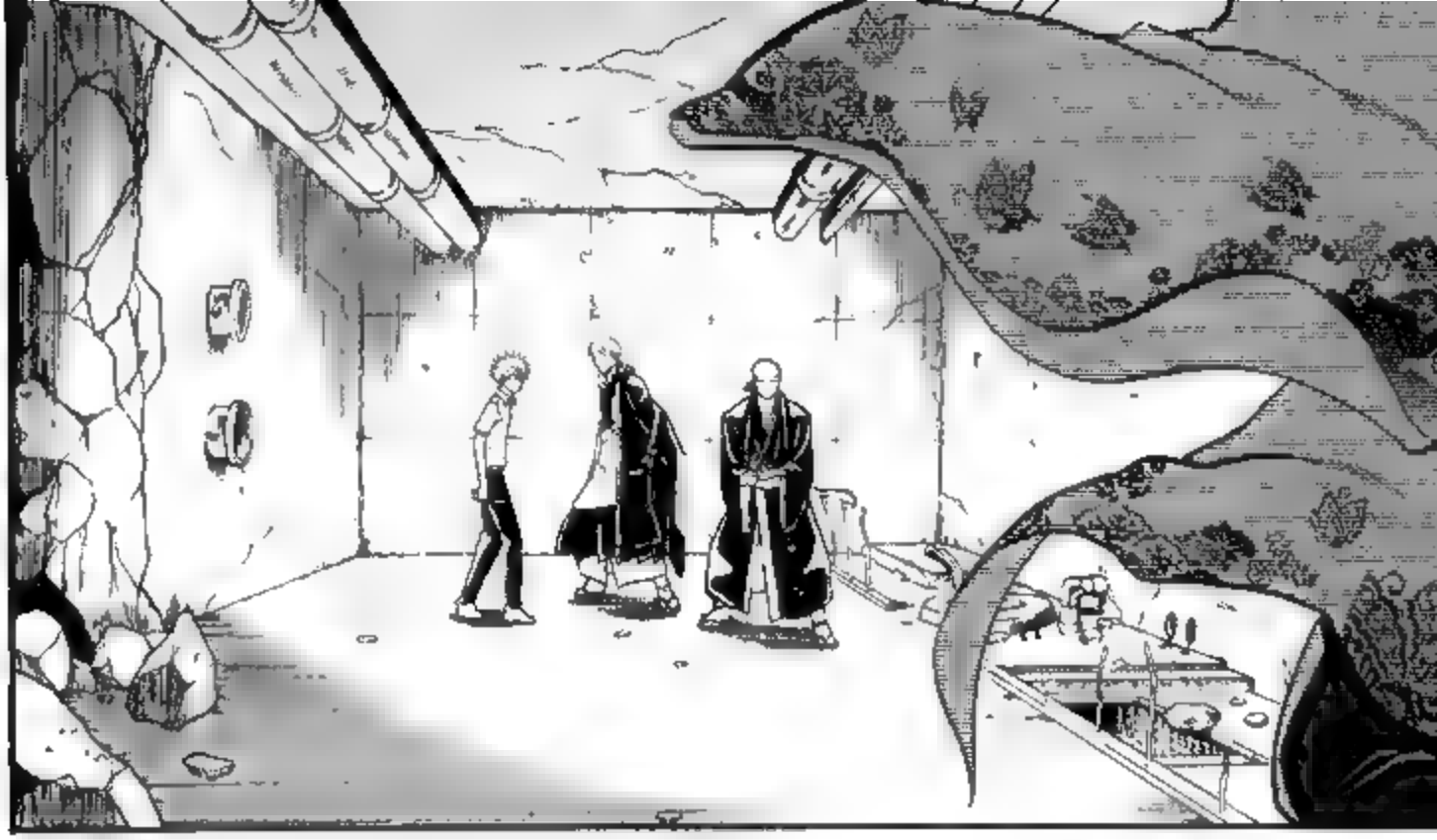
OHN ARORIKIYA SOWAKA!

BESIDES
OHN
stif
MY APOLOGIES. IT IS MY RULE TO SPARE LIFE WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

SWAA
QUIVER
!?
THAT STAR ANISE IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THE TYPE THAT GROWS BY SUCKING IN WATER FROM ITS CUT END.
IT'S MY GAME WINNER.
IF ALL GOES WELL, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEAL HIM HERE, TOO...!
IT WILL SUCK EVERY LAST DROP FROM YOU...
NOW WITHER !!
.....
Hmph!
CREAK

SNAP
CRACK
BAM
!!
CRICK
Heh heh.. You really thought one little twig was enough to kill me?
Worthless
Too easy, human.
THIS GUY IS...
FAR WORSE THAN I IMAGINED...
DAMN.

PAP
PAP
PAP
papapap
tat tat
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
It's impossible for humans to beat us.
Au ku
You missed.
BAM
BUT...
PRIEST HARANISHI'S GUN STILL WORKS, BUT...
SHIT
WE HUMANS AREN'T EVEN A THREAT TO HIM....
IT'S JUST AS HE SAYS.
WHAT TO DO ...?
If you had any of those at a Shikabane Hime's level, then maybe your bullets could reach us.
TWANG
Strength, skill, reflexes, perception...



crumple
!
THUMP
TRAPPED ...!
DAMN

RUFFLE
RUSTLE
So. what will you do now, Light Assertion Sect?
Ku ku ku ..
Nowhere to go. hm?

THIS BASTARD....!
GRIT
.....!

How about if I let one of you live?
Hmmm... kuku... I know...

PRIEST HARANISHI AND I ARE FINE... BUT THAT KAGAMI BOY IS A CIVILIAN...
THIS IS BAD... IT'S A TRAP!
Now then.
Who will it be?
Maybe I'll choose the first one who gets down and begs for his life..?
SHIRAE-SAN.
HE MIGHT FALL FOR WHAT THAT GUY SAYS AND...
EXPLOSIVES OR SOMETHING THAT COULD ACT AS A SMOKE SCREEN...
DO YOU HAVE ANY?
I'VE BEEN THINKING
Humans are so despicable.
RUSTLE
Fighting amongst yourselves, hm?
Well, that is why I said that, but...

I DON'T LIKE THIS...
WHAT'S WITH THOSE EYES...
So have you decided?

SKRT

KA-GAMI OORI.
I'VE CORRECTED MY OPINION OF YOU.

IF I ONLY THOUGHT OF SAVING MYSELF
I WOULDN'T BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

.....
NO WAY

IT SEEMS I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU'D EASILY FALL FOR HIS WORDS...

!
ping
INDEED

CLANG
CRASH
!!
BOOSH

BLAM
!
CRAK!
VWOOSH
YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THAT'LL WORK DO YOU?
THEY INTEND TO SLIP PAST ME?
SMOKE SCREEN?

!!
BOOM
WHAT'S WERE THEY THINKING?
DOING THAT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IS SUICIDAL
!
ROAR
BUT...
THEY PLAN ON KEEPING MY BUGS AWAY BY SETTING THE GAS LINE ON FIRE?
SSSH
ROOOAR
A HOLE!?

But..
sizzle
Not a bad plan.
Kuku I see
So even a human can break through these fragile walls.
They were three men after all
I'm not "The Shikabane with the body full of insects..." I am "THE SWARM OF SHIKABANE INSECTS."
crackle
But they misunderstand one thing.
foosh
are of no hindrance to me.
fshh
fshh
flames of this level...
Now there's a familiar face.
Oh....?
SMIRK
CLATTER
.....

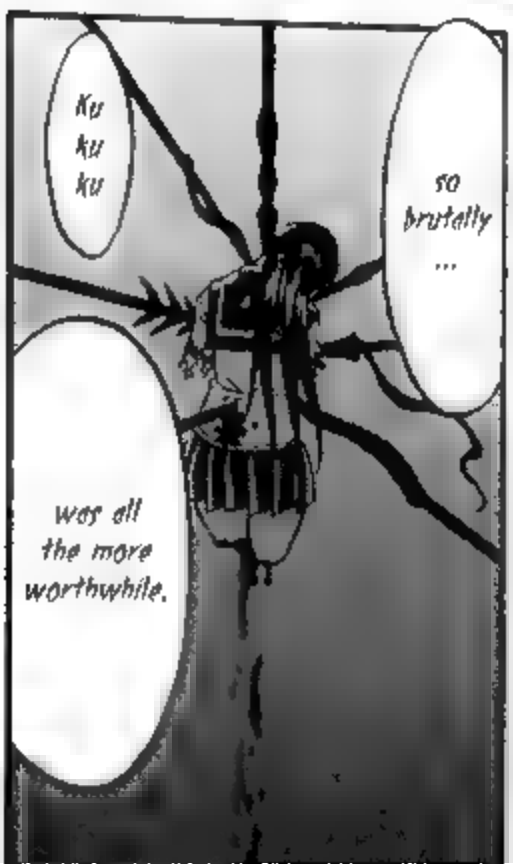
Hoshimura's daughter... hm?
Kuku
SO THE FLAMES ACTED AS A SIGNAL AS WELL
SEVEN... STARS ...?

SWOOSH
FWIP
!
WHAM
!!
FSLAM
KUH
...
HAH!
NHA
!!
I CAN'T..
PULL THE
TRIGGER....!
THE
GUN..
FSHFSH

Long time no see.
Daughter of Hoshimura.

Pitiable thing.
Kukuku. You're a shikabane now?
So you've joined us?

IT WON'T MOVE... THE WAY I WANT IT TO.....
MY BODY... IS ALL STIFF...
GUH ...


Ku ku ku
so brutally ...
was all the more worthwhile.

Kuku
You hated us enough...
to become a shikabane? Then killing you... kuku...

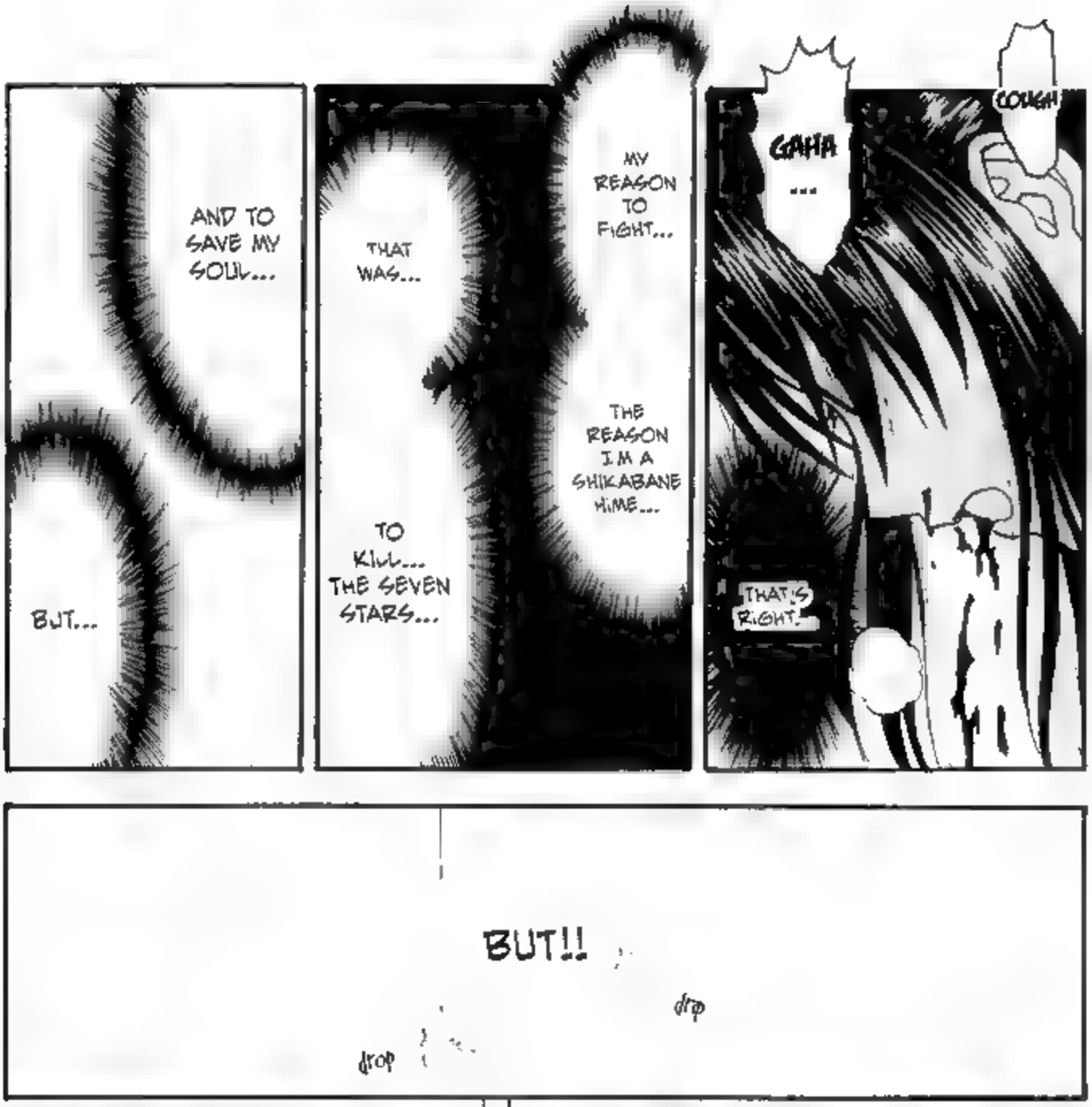
.....

CLENCH
MOVE!! MY BODY...!!!
MOVE! DAMN IT...
KILL THESE GUYS...
HAVE TO...
click
I...
REVENGE FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY..
SLAM
!!

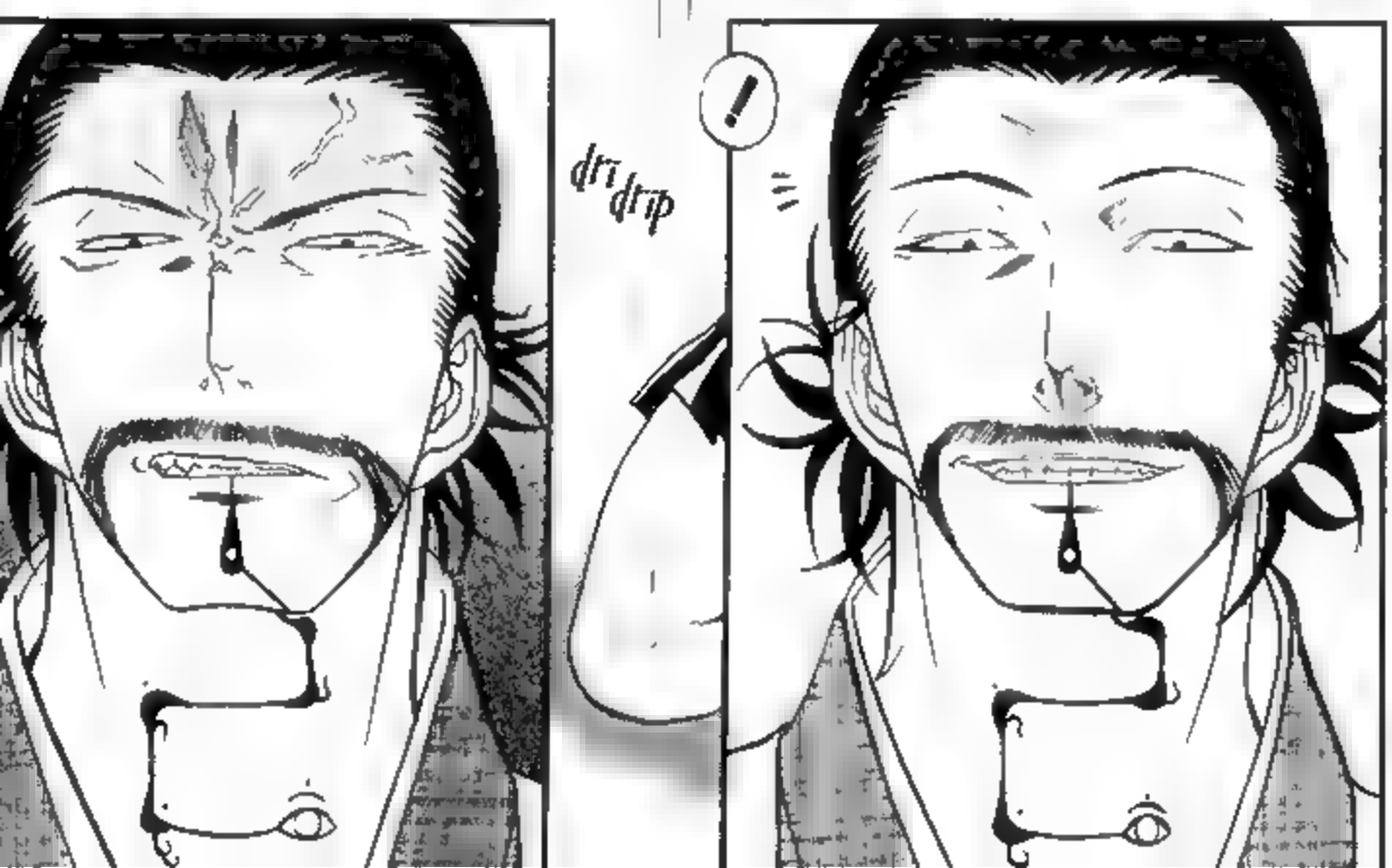
THUD
GEH!
THOK
GAH
WHAM
AH

Not feeling well?
Kuku
What's wrong, Hoshimura girl?
SLUMP
cough
GAHA!
KAH ...

THEN YOU SHOULD BE HAPPIER!
I'm an enemy you need to kill. That's the reason you exist as a shikabane, isn't it?


AND TO SAVE MY SOUL...
BUT...
THAT WAS...
TO KILL... THE SEVEN STARS...
MY REASON TO FIGHT...
THE REASON I'M A SHIKABANE HIME...
GAHA ...
COUGH!
THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT!!
drip
drop

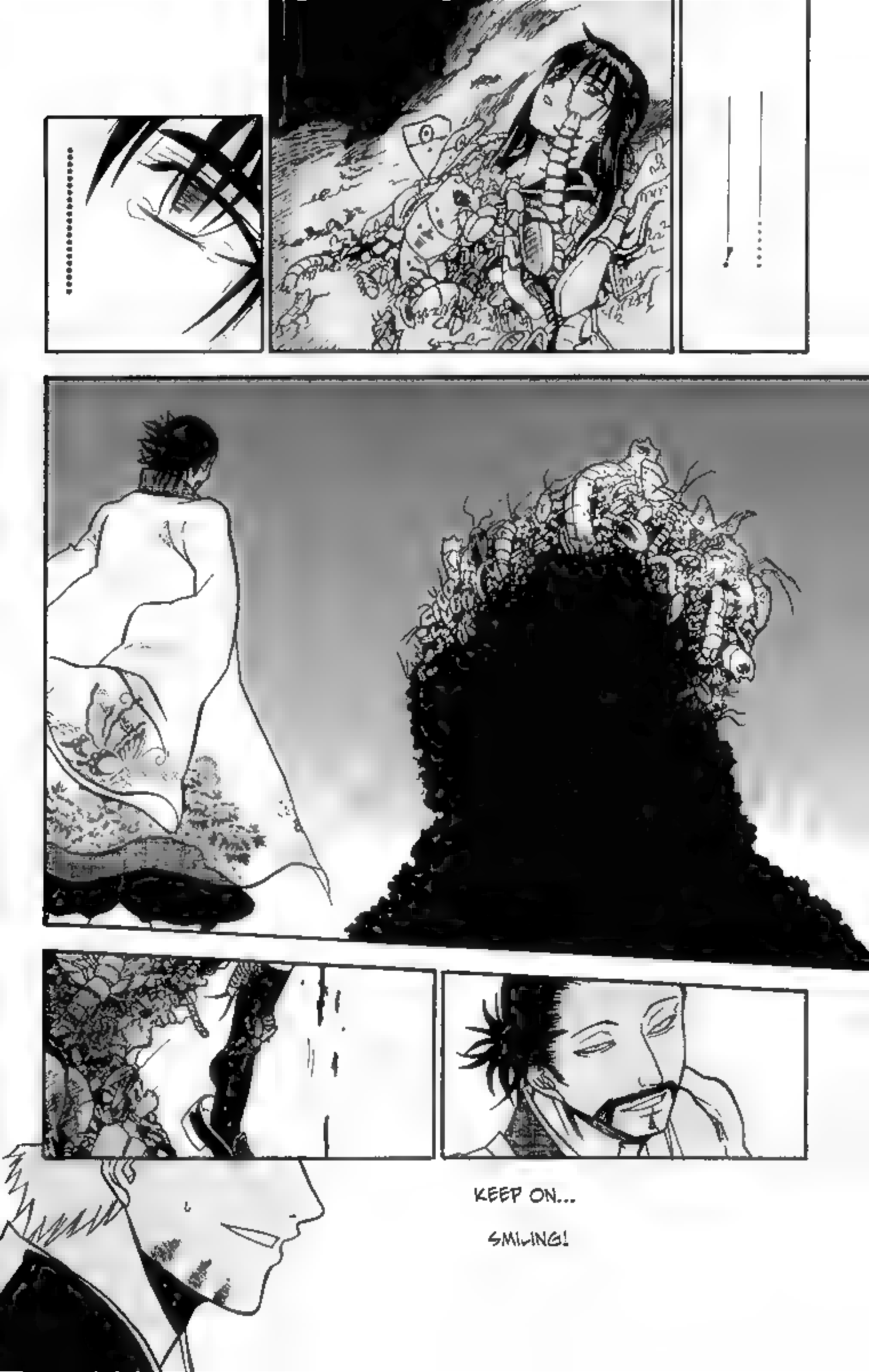

dri drip
!

I guess I expected too much of you.
My, my.
.....

I COULDN'T KEEP FIGHTING ON MALICE ALONE.
THERE'S NO WAY
patter
MALICE ALONE
ISN'T ENOUGH

HGAH
I'LL
AM
CRYING LIKE A LITTLE HUMAN
QUITE UNATTRAC-TIVE.

THUD
SHAT
TER


KEEP ON...
SMILING!

KEEP SMILING TO THE END.

I THOUGHT THAT I COULD SAVE YOU FROM THIS SEA OF BLOOD AND WORLD OF DARKNESS.

IF YOU KEPT SMILING FOR ME, THEN I...

I was looking so forward to this after hearing she killed Izuwa, but

!

THURK

CRUNCH

AHH...
I SEE...
WHAM

IF I STOP HERE...
ALL OF KEISEI'S
BATTLES WILL
HAVE BEEN
FOR NOTHING...
SQUIRM
crush

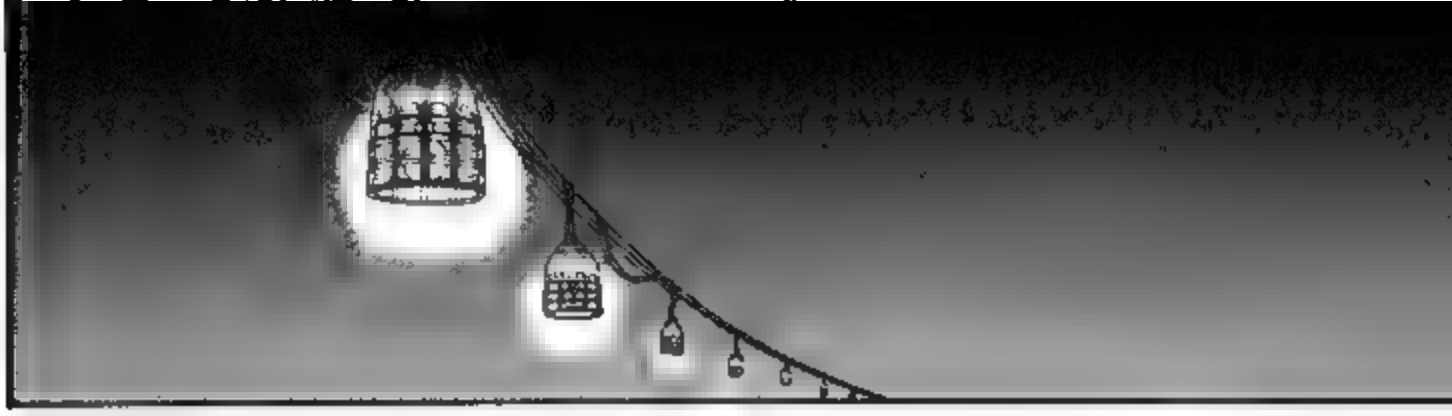
IN THAT CASE... I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING...
wipe
STOMP
Are you awake now, Hoshimura girl?
Ooh
How fun
LOOM
THANK YOU, SEVEN STARS.
.....
YES.
I REGAINED MY FOCUS THANKS TO YOU.
sff
I AM...

I RE-MEMBER NOW.
A SHIKA-BANE HIME.
DASH
!
LEAP

HAH!
BAM
BAMBAM
BAM
WHAM
TWACK
HA HA HA!
THIS IS FUN!!
BLAM
BLABLAM

HOSHI-MURA GIRL!!
DASH!!
REALLY FUN!
DSHH!!
MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE!
SUCH A GOOD LOOK IN YOUR EYES!
ZWAA!!
SKID!
THUD!!
KA-KLICK
YOU HAVE THE EYES OF A SHIKABANE THAT FEEDS ON REGRET AND DELUSION IN ORDER TO KILL!!
SWOOSH!!
HAHA, YOU BLOCKED IT! NOW THAT'S A SHIKABANE!

SWOOSH
WRONG!
SAVE ME!
I...
I'M NOT LIKE YOU!!
rrrip
YOU'RE WRONG
STAB
I HOLD THIS GUN FOR MY OWN REASONS!
I HAVE MORE THAN THAT!
I AM A SHIKABANE HIME!!!



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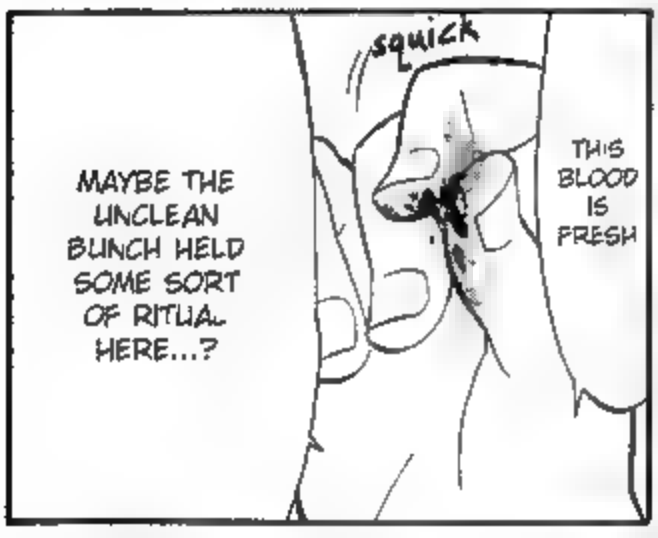
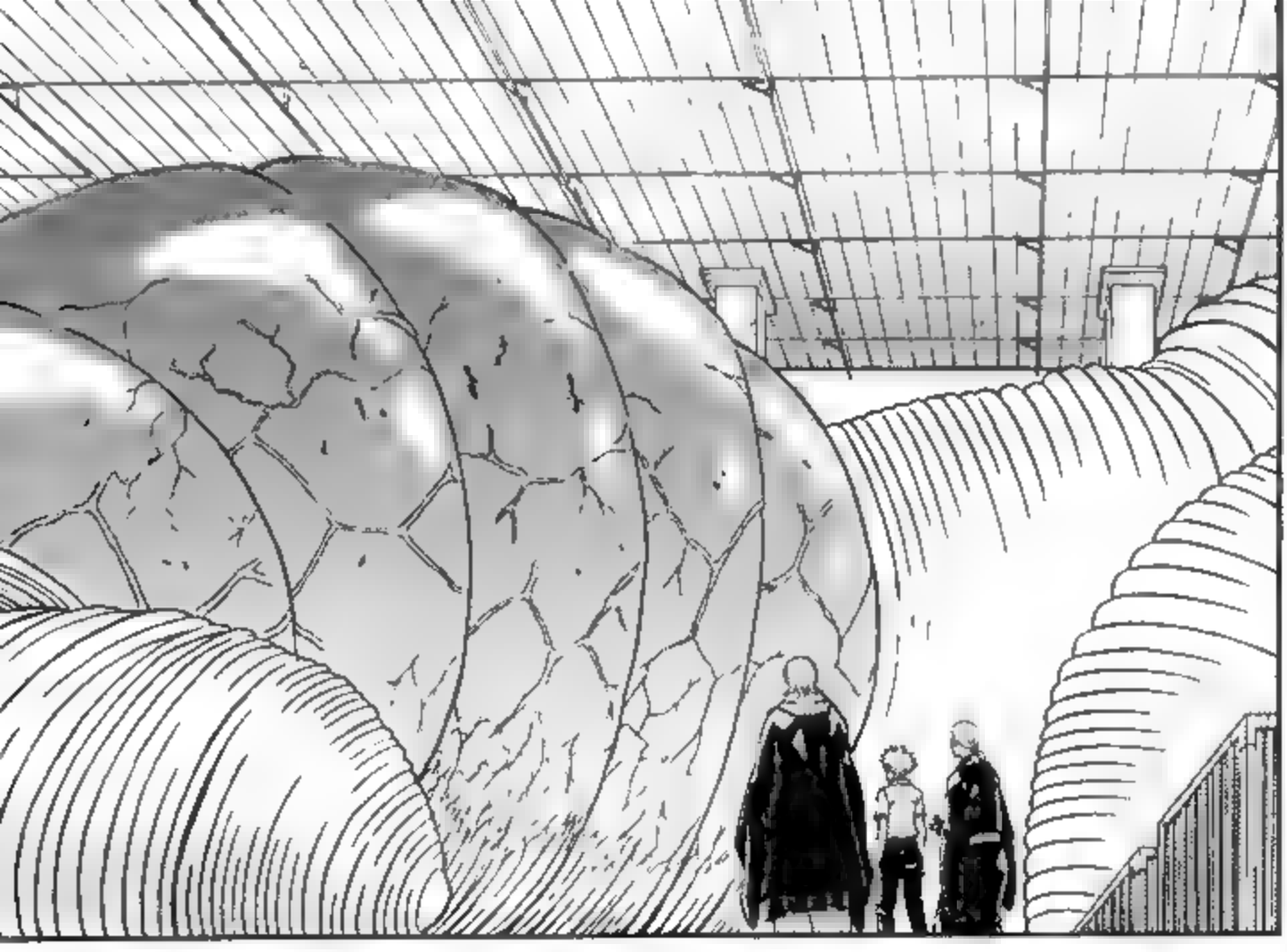
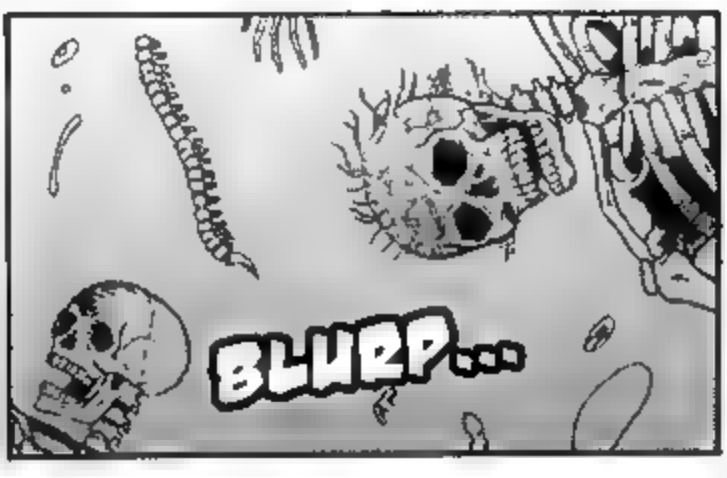

squick
MAYBE THE UNCLEAN BUNCH HELD SOME SORT OF RITUAL HERE...?
THIS BLOOD IS FRESH

.....
wipe
A CLINIC ...?

!



!
AN... EARTH-WORM?
THERE ARE BONES... AND PEOPLE INSIDE...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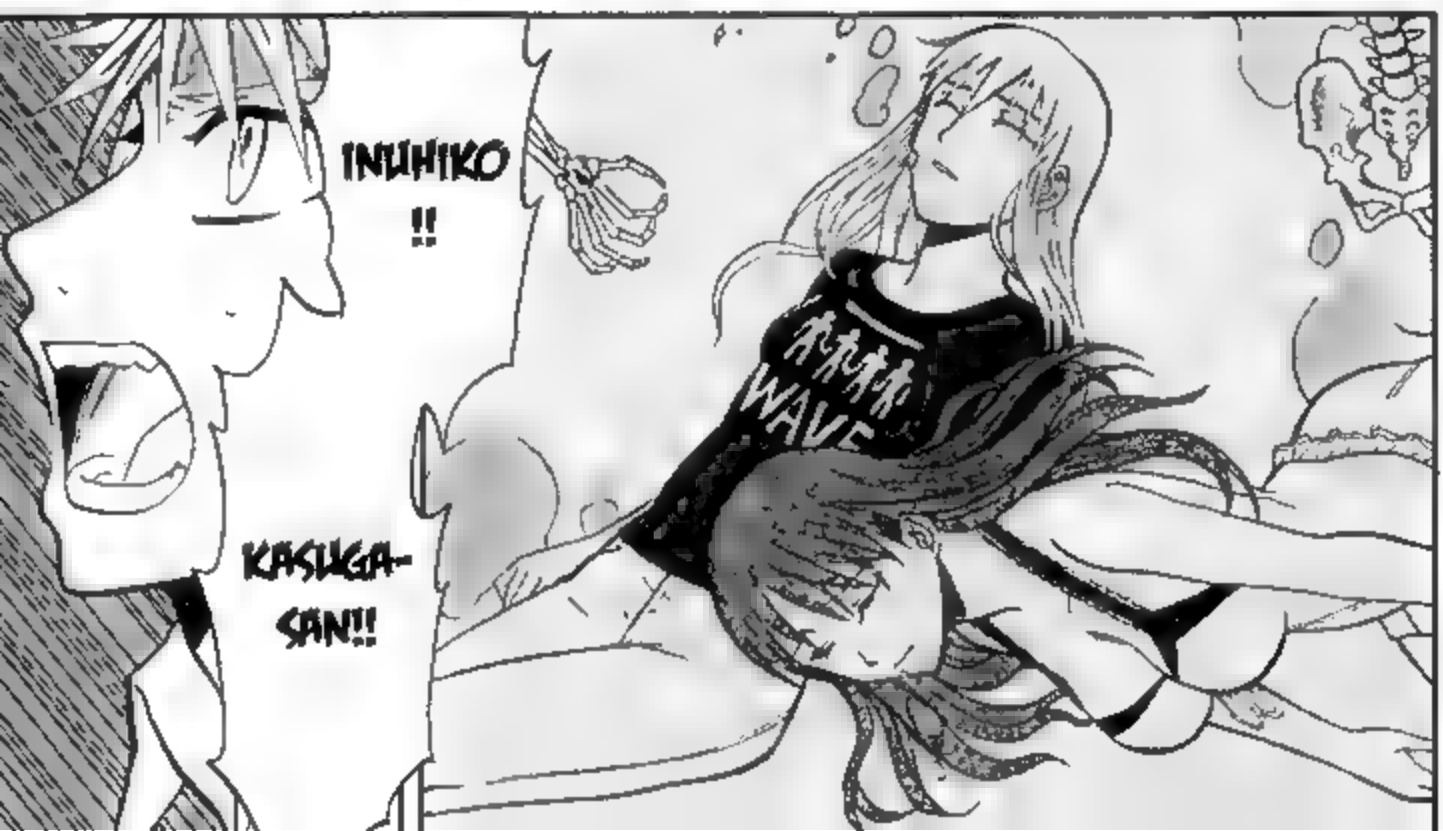
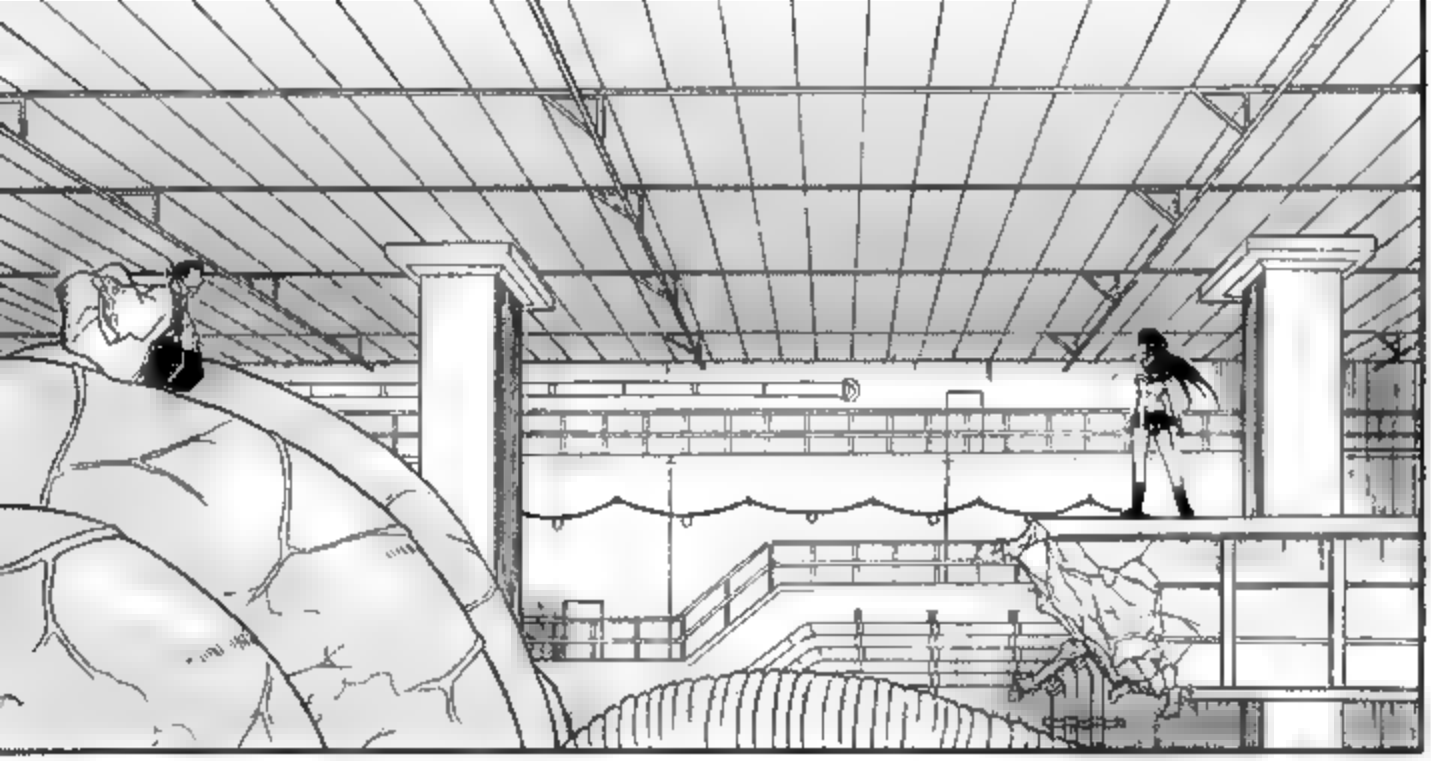
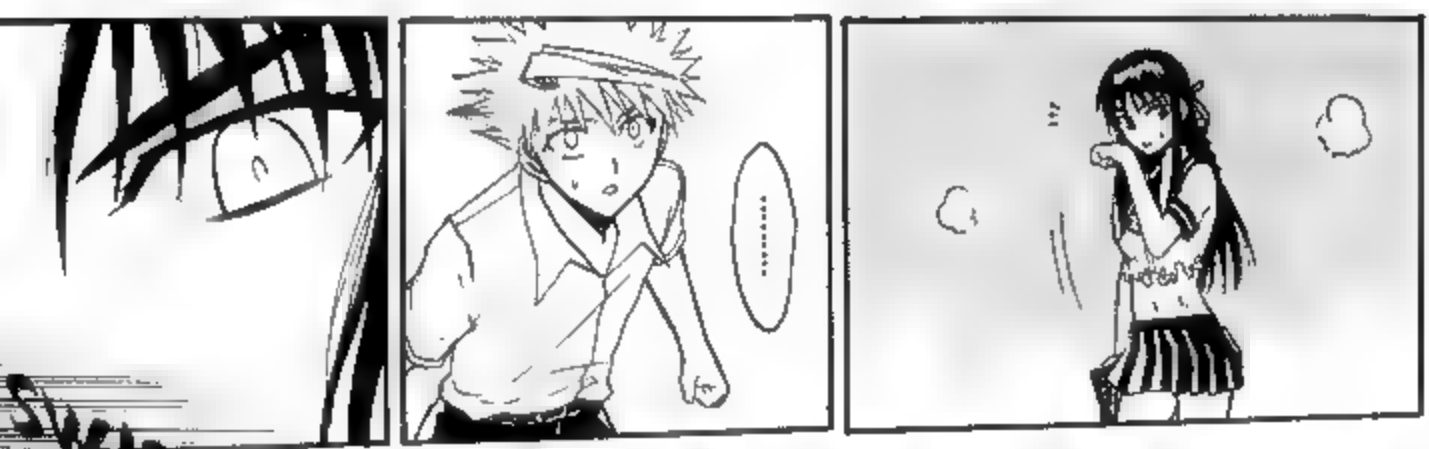

INUHIKO !!
KASUGA-SAN!!
WAVE

CRASH!!
crumble
THUMP
!!!
SKID
!!!



HOSHI..
MURA-
SAN?
HOSHI-
MURA
MAKINA?
SEVEN
STARS
AND..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...

SWISH
SLAM

MU!
THANK GOOD-NESS!! HOSHI-
THONK
SKIIIIIIIIIIIID
HOSHI-MIYA-KUN!
?
?
EH?
What?
thooonk
thoooooonk (echo)
OH
OU-WHA?
YOU'RE STUPID TO THE CORE, AREN'T YOU?
What are you doing here?
D-DOUBLE SLAP?
OOF !!
slap slap
BUH
AH
HAH slap slap OH
NG
slap
HIH
slap
slap
slap
grip

KEISEI ...
WHY DO YOU THINK HE RISKED HIS LIFE FOR YOU?
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?

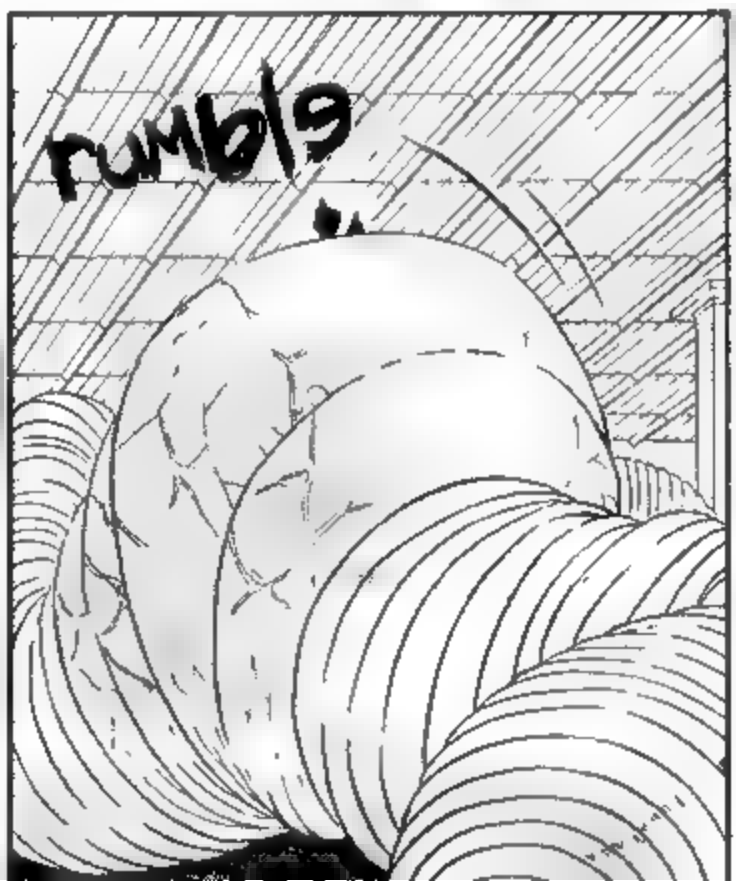
SORRY
BUT I WANTED TO SAVE MY FRIENDS.
Y-YEAH ...
I KNOW.

HMM..
SO THE TWO BROTHERS THINK ALIKE.
I SEE!
GLUP
FRIENDS..?

TAP
WHOA
IT'S DONE, MR. HAZAMA.

rattle
YAWN~
SLEEPY~
THANKS FOR GATHERING RAW MATERIALS WITH THE EARTHWORM AND GUARDING IT, TOO. I APPRECIATE IT
WE'RE DONE PICKING OUT THE "MEAT" WE NEEDED TO USE THE "GOD KILLER"
Ah, Rogere.

THE EARTH-WORM IS..
!!
DASH


rumble

I see. heh heh.
Too bad I wanted to play a little longer.

DASH
!
IDIOT!
!
shock
Coming to give me your head as a parting gift, hm?
Oh,
How fun, boy.
SWISH
BLABLAM
SHIT!!
BLABLAM
AAAAAAHH!!!
UWAH!
THWOK
THWOK
THWOK

GOOSH
UWO OOO AH!!
CLINK
UH ... OH
GUH
GLUB
AAAAH
WAH!
SPLOOSH
UGH!
ERG
GRAB

AAAUU
UWAAAA
KER-SPLASH
UGGH!!
Ooh.

So a fool who doesn't know when to quit can sometimes provide better results than a wise man that does, hm?
Oh ho, I see
thwok
!

MAY WE MEET AGAIN, DAUGHTER OF HOSHIMURA.
But I'm sure you'll realize soon enough... that you're one of us.
Kuku pretending to be human and covering for that idiot, hm?

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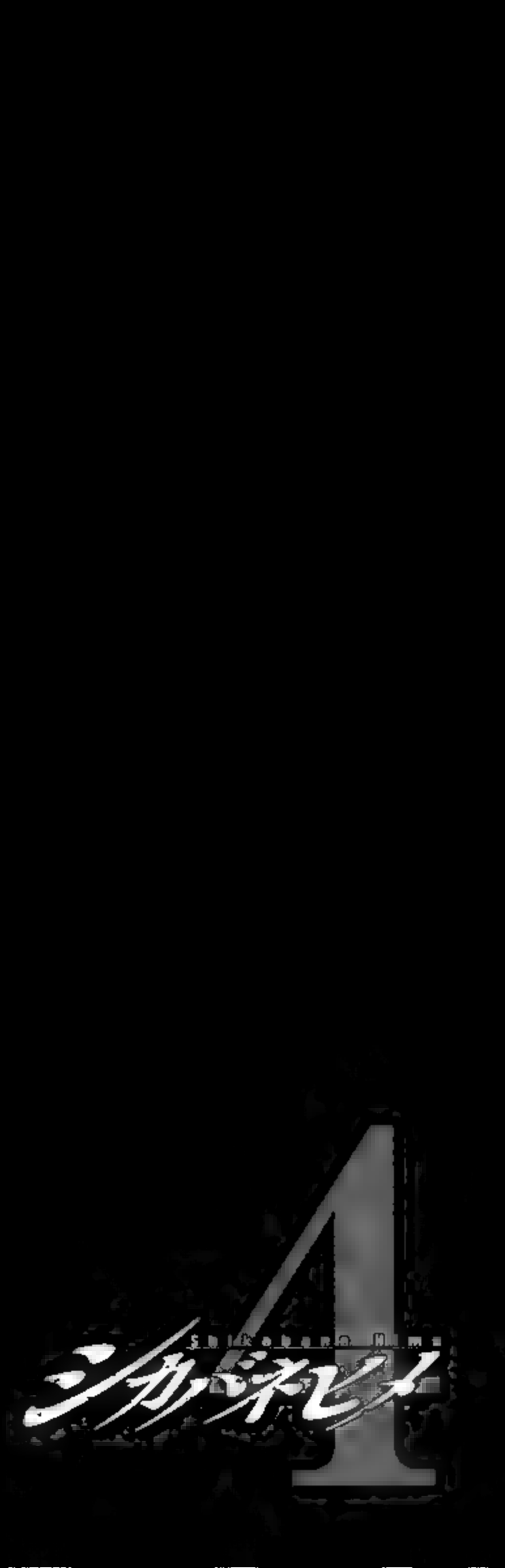
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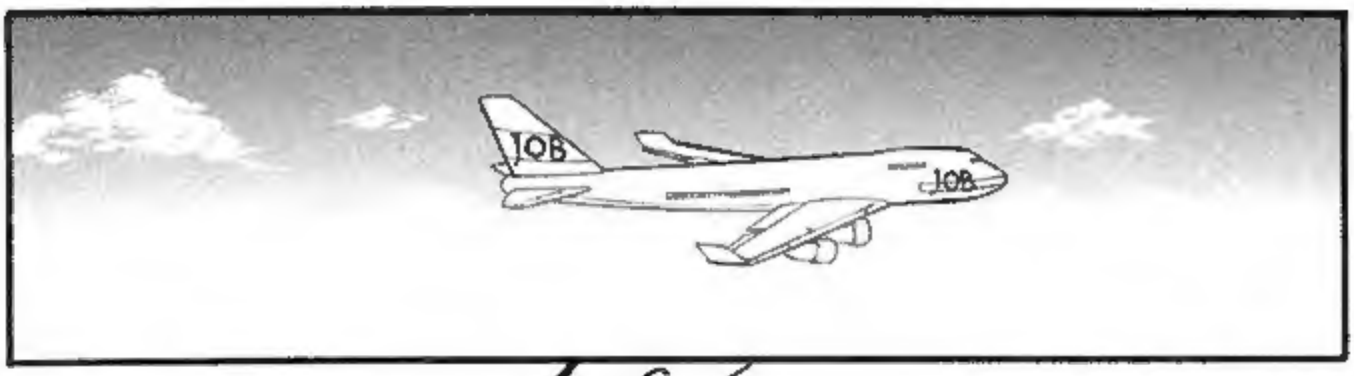

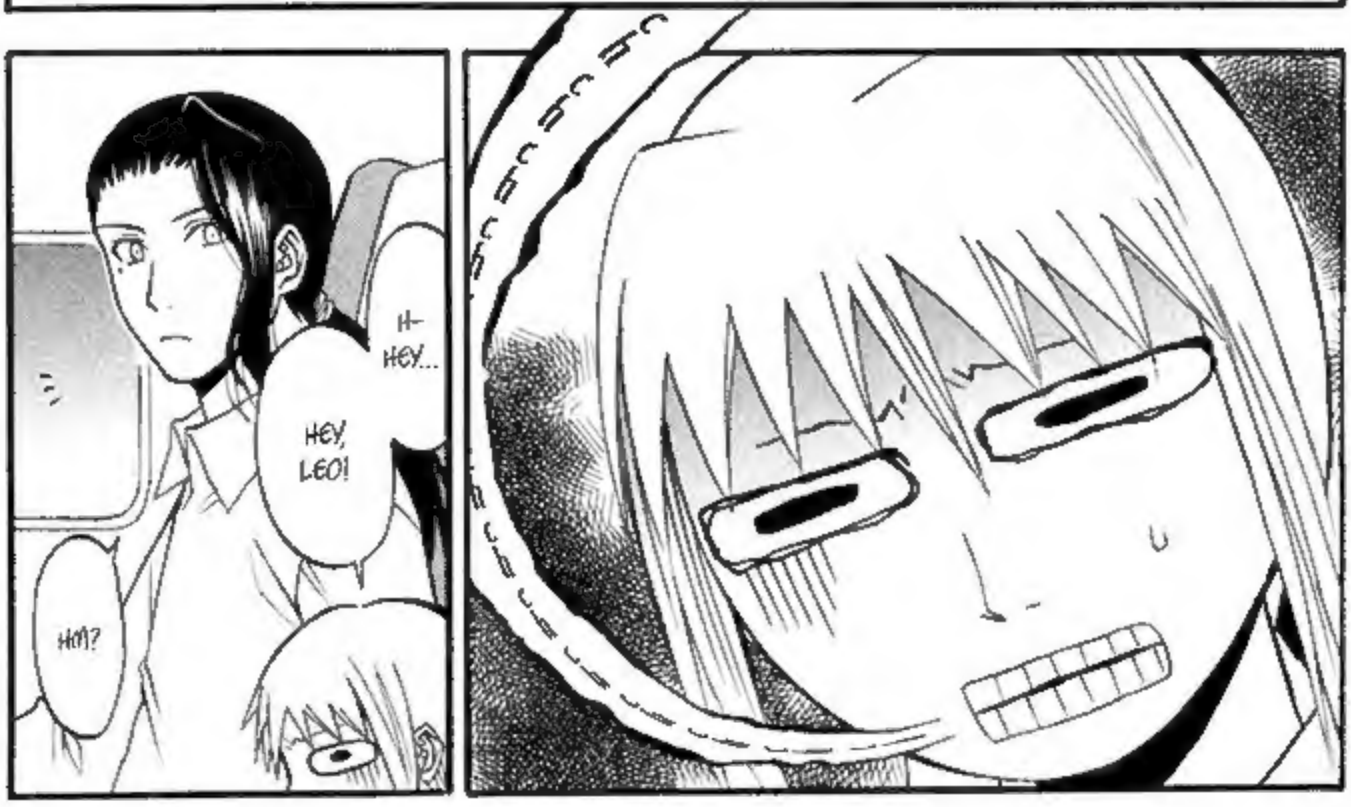

MHMM...
BY THE WAY.. APPARENTLY THERE'S ONLY A 1 IN 20,000 CHANCE OF A PLANE CRASHING, BUT ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT A HUNK OF METAL CAN FLY AT ALL? THAT'S ALL I'M SAYIN'...
I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY... I'M NOT SCARED RIGHT NOW, THIS IS JUST AN INSTINCTUAL VARCOLACI RESPONSE.
How are you used to this?

VARCOLACI ARE AFRAID OF CROSSING BODIES OF WATER.

THERE'VE BEEN JAPANESE MOVIES SINCE WE LEFT.
JUST WATCH THE IN FLIGHT MOVIE!
Or could you call the stewardess?
HEY... THIS IS A DIRECT ORDER... HOLD MY HAND... PLEASE?

AND THAT'S HOW LOT BECAME A JAPANESE MOVIE FAN.

「わたしが屍姫だってこと、思い出せたわ。」星村眞姫那――彼女は再び立ち上がる。たとえそれが、逃れえぬ業の中だとしても。傍らに、最愛の人の名が無くとも。だが、闇は廻る。律を破り、境を侵し、顕現せんと蠢くは「大禍」至高の「王」――

「屍姫」星村眞姫那
天国まであと
――95人

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Once more,
I am your guest editor,
and if all goes according to plan,
a brand new editor will
sweep you all off your feet
from now on. But it's nice
to see Makina's done
being such a lamer.

-Waxie

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